

all about plants

activities at home



Leaf rubbings

Make a record of leaf patterns.

Materials:

- Leaves
- Plain white paper
- Crayons

What to do:

- 1 Collect leaves of all shapes and sizes as you explore your neighborhood.
- 2 Place a on a table, with the leaf vein side up.
- 3 Lay a sheet of plain white paper over the top of the leaf.
- 4 Select a crayon that you would like to use and peel off its paper wrapper.
- 5 Turn the crayon on its side and gently rub over the top sheet of paper.
- 6 The leaf's edges and raised veins will appear on the paper. Experiment with different crayon colors and leaf arrangements.
- 7 Do the leaves in your rubbings have patterns in common? Sort the leaves into groups based on the patterns made by their veins.

