

# HOW TO MAKE A LEAF PICTURE

## STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

Gather the following supplies:

- Blank paper
- Markers
- Leaves (natural or fake)
- Bristol board or cardstock
- Scissors
- Glue stick or liquid glue
- Small brush if using liquid glue
- Tissue paper



*SAFETY TIP: Be sure to ask your parent/guardian for permission and help when handling scissors.*

## STEP 2: LOOKING AT LEAVES

Use a magnifying glass to examine the colours, lines, texture and shape of the leaves closely. Take a blank paper and pencil and write down what you see.



### STEP 3: CREATE A STENCIL

With the help of an adult, trace your leaf onto a piece of cardstock or bristol board. When you are finished, cut out your leaf. This is your new leaf-shaped stencil!



### STEP 4: DRAW YOUR LEAF

Use your leaf-shaped stencil and marker to draw a leaf shape on a sheet of blank paper.

Refer to your notes from step 2, draw some leaf veins (the large lines) on your leaf shape.



### STEP 5: PREPARE THE TISSUE PAPER

Pick the tissue paper colours you want to use. Using 2 or 3 colours works best.

Tear your tissue paper into strips. Start tearing from the cut edge, because it tears best in one direction.



STEP 6: GLUING YOUR LEAF

Glue one strip of tissue paper at a time to your leaf, like this:



A.



B.



C.



D.

- A. Start at the base, near the stem of your leaf drawing.
- B. Apply glue onto the leaf drawing, working on one small area at a time. Put a strip of tissue paper on the glued area.
- C. Continue to glue and add tissue paper to your drawing until it is complete.
- D. Glue more tissue paper on top of the existing tissue paper to create the colours you like.

**TIPS:** If you add yellow tissue paper, it's best to add it on top of the other colours so that it is easier to see. If the marker is smeared by the glue, don't worry! The marker adds more colour and the smear will give your drawing interesting variety.

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF:** Try to create your own leaf stencil from your imagination or memory. Do the activity again, but this time, use your new stencil.

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