



Nature Prints

Have you ever noticed just how different each leaf is. Whether its from the same plant, or different plants, each leaf is unique in its own way. Leaves are one of the most important parts of every plant. Through photosynthesis, leaves turn energy from the sun into food for the plant. In this activity, you will see how every leaf is different, yet they all perform the same important functions.

Materials

- A piece of paper
- Different colored paints
- A paintbrush
- 7-10 different leaves from your backyard or neighborhood
- Dish (optional)



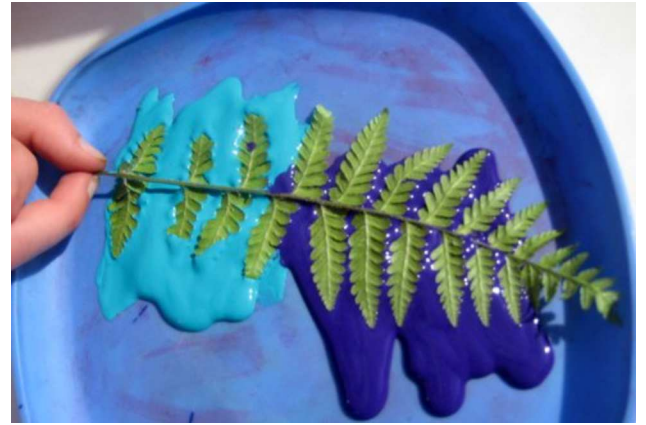
Step 1

Collect 7-10 different types of leaves of varying sizes from your yard or neighborhood. You can even collect a few flowers!



Step 2

Use the different colors of paint and your paintbrush to paint one side of each leaf/flower. It might be easier to pour the paint into a dish and carefully dip the leaf into the paint .



Step 3

Carefully press your leaves/flowers onto your piece of paper. Make sure all the parts of your leaf are pressed lightly onto the paper. Remove the leaf and repeat with the other leaves.



Step 4

Observe just how different each leaf print is, and admire the art you just created with nature!



Sources:

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