

LEAF MARKER ART

While we love activities like leaf rubbing, sometimes younger children have a hard time working on these. This activity allows for creative expression and helps develop fine motor skills in younger learners. For older learners, it is a great opportunity to create patterns and explore leaf biology.

SUPPLIES

- Markers
- Paper
- Leaves

ACCESSIBILITY NOTES

Markers with larger barrels are easier for younger learners to grasp and use. We've found that tough leaves hold up better to this kind of play than delicate ones, especially for younger learners.

INSTRUCTIONS

Take a leaf and place it with its bumpy side up (usually the veins are bumpiest on the underside of the leaf). Use the wide side of your marker to color on the veins and leaf. Turn the leaf over and use the flat of your hands to press the leaf marker-side down onto the paper. Lift it up and see what marks it made!

TAKING IT FURTHER

Take time to make patterns using the leaf's veins as a guide. What do you notice about them? How do they look when you press them down?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- What do these ridges on the leaves do?
- Can you make patterns using the markers?
- What do you notice about the leaves?



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