

Autumn leaf prints

Age: 3-8 Group size: 6

Duration: 20 mins



Preparation time: 15 mins

Resources

- Chalk pastels – blue
- A4 cartridge paper
- Printing inks - red, blue, yellow
- Rollers
- Autumn leaves (small)
- Newspaper
- Scrap paper
- Shallow trays
- Thick paintbrushes (prep.)



Preparation

Prepare the printing table by covering it with a thick layer of newspaper. Tear pages of newspaper to use for printing on. Cut scrap paper that is just big enough to cover the leaves. Squeeze toothbrush

amounts of ink onto the trays. Put blue and yellow together, yellow in the middle and yellow and red at the other end. Use the paintbrushes to make a green and an orange. Spread out the red and yellow a little.

Make sure there are enough trays of ink for one per pair of children. There should be 2 rollers per tray.



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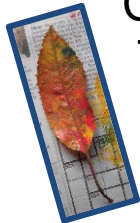
Activity

Take the blue chalk and lightly rub it along its side across the paper. Use fingers to smudge it so that the paper looks like a sky with hints of white still in it.



Choose a leaf and place it on a piece of newspaper.

Take one roller and roll it across the tray, then across the leaf.



Place the leaf, printed side down onto the chalked cartridge paper.

Take a piece of scrap paper and carefully place it over the leaf.

Use the clean roller to rub down hard over the leaf shape.



Throw the printed newspaper and scrap paper away.

Whilst one child is colouring a leaf the other can be dry rolling the image. Peel the leaf off, revealing the print.

Print leaves at angles to give the impression that they are blowing in the wind.

