



# Family Art Activity

## Leaf Printing

1. Go for a walk and collect as many different shaped leaves as you can find, remember not to pick the leaves, look for them on the ground. This is a great activity for the whole family! You could try to identify your leaves before you print with them. We recommend the Woodland Trust Nature Detectives Leaf ID guide [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/48345/leaf-id-sheet.pdf](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/48345/leaf-id-sheet.pdf)
2. Get set up to print, make sure surfaces are protected with newspapers and wear an apron or old clothes
3. Use the paint brushes to paint on to the leaves rather than dipping the leaves in to the paint. Once covered, press the leaves directly on to the paper, smoothing over the back of them using your hands, and carefully peel off to reveal the print
4. Leave the print to dry. Try adding different colours to the leaves before printing. The leaves will last for 2 or 3 prints before you need to use a new one

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### You will need:

- paint – children's poster paint or acrylic paint works well
- paint brushes
- paper – ordinary printer paper is fine but it will work best on paper with a bit of texture e.g. cartridge paper
- different shaped leaves

### Tip

These prints can make good birthday cards or print them onto brown paper to make your own gift wrap paper!