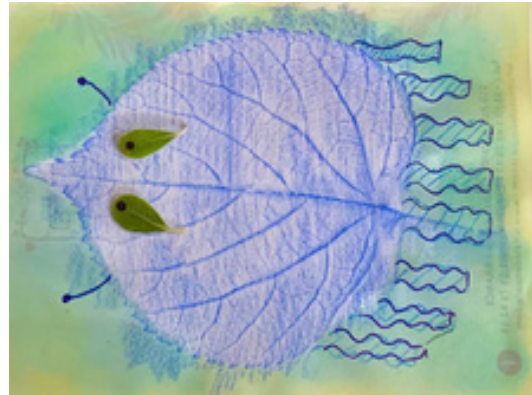


Leaf Rubbing Creature

Let's Create! Leaves come in many different shapes and sizes, but what if they could also see, hear, or move around? Have your imaginary creatures come to life by using leaves, crayons, and watercolor! What sorts of textures and shapes will you reveal on your creature?



Materials:

- Leaves
- Paper
- Crayons or pastel chalk
- Watercolor paint
- Paint brushes
- Decorative implements – googly eyes, string, or even more leaves!

Steps:

1. Collect some leaves from outside. Find leaves with different shapes and sizes to add some variety.
2. Place one or a few of your leaves underneath your paper. Using the side of your crayon, rub over the paper. Make sure you apply enough pressure for the leaf outline and textures to appear! This is your new creature's body.
3. Use your watercolor paint to add a background behind your creature. In our example seen above, our big blue creature is scuttling along some yellow-green grass!
4. Add more elements to your creature by drawing them in or gluing them on. For example, you can add googly eyes, a tail with some string, or arms and legs with popsicle sticks. Use whatever you can find!

Caregiver tips:

Try asking your learner questions about their creature! What makes it special? What is its name? Where does it live, and what does it like to do? Visit this [website](#) for many more examples of tree leaf drawings and match your found leaves.