



Make Leaf and Bark Rubbings



What to Do:

- 1. Find some trees:** Take some blank paper, masking tape (optional), and crayons outside. Look for several trees with different types of bark and leaves.
- 2. Feel the bark:** Close your eyes and feel the bark of the trees. How does it feel? Which one is the smoothest? The roughest?
- 3. Make a bark rubbing:** Use tape to hold a piece of paper on the trunk or hold the paper tightly. Lightly rub a crayon horizontally over the surface of the paper on the bark, just hard enough so that the bark's texture shows on the paper. Do this to other trees and compare the rubbings.
- 4. Make a leaf rubbing:** Collect some leaves from different trees. Close your eyes and feel the leaves. How do they feel? Make leaf rubbings by putting the leaf on a piece of cardboard or a clipboard, covering it with the paper, and rubbing the crayon over it.
- 5. Make a matching game:** Once you've made several leaf and bark rubbings, play a matching game with them. Mix them up and see if you can figure out which tree each leaf and bark rubbing came from.

What You Need:

- Trees
- Plain white paper
- Crayons with label removed
- Masking tape (optional)
- Cardboard or clipboard
- Paper bag for collecting leaves



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