

# ***Leaf Activities for Little Kids***

**Try out some leaf activities with your favorite young children!**

## **Leaf Kites**

Attach large dry leaves (or cutouts) to colorful ribbon or yarn about 14-16". Use as kites for dancing outside. Add music!

## **Leaf Bracelets**

Make a wristband with tap-sticky side facing outward. Collect leaves while on a walk and attach to the bracelet.

## **Patterning with Leaves**

Using 2 or 3 types of leaves, make a pattern for children to copy. Try outside on a sidewalk with chalk.

## **Leaf Book**

Collect leaves and place one of a kind in an individual baggie. Staple the bags together on the left side to make a book.

## **Leaf Match-ups**

Make a collection of leaves. Laminate or place between clear contact paper (do not have to be dry) or in individual plastic bags. While on a walk, find others that match or have similar shapes.

## **Leaf "People"**

Use leaves to make shapes of animals or people. Glue to paper or cardstock.

## **Leaf Art**

Try these ideas:

- Place a leaf under a sheet of paper and use old peeled crayons to rub across the leaf emphasizing the veins and edges. Try using more than one color.
- Using poster paint, apply on the backside of a leaf and then press carefully on a sheet of paper.
- Put fresh leaves between two pieces of blank white paper. Give child a small hammer and let them gently hammer the top page, which will release the leaf pigments into the bottom page.

## **Leaf Wreathes**

Using a grapevine or straw wreath base, attach dry leaves for a holiday decoration.

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