Backyard Leaf Prints

Activity Supplies

- Collected Leaves
- Paint
- Small Brush of Roller
- Paper/Cardstock

Helpful Tips

- To avoid making a mess, paint your leaves on the pages of an old phonebook. Use one page for each leaf you paint.
- Experiment with different colors of paint on the same leaf.
- Fold a piece of cardstock in half to turn your leaf prints into greeting cards for your friends and family.

Activity Steps

1. Look closely at the leaves around your home and make some observations. What do you notice about the color, size, shape, and texture of your leaves?

2. Collect your leaves. Only collect the amount of leaves you plan to use and try not to take too much from one plant. Also, make sure to ask permission before taking any leaves from neighbors’ plants.

3. Paint one side of your leaf with your paint brush or roller. Make sure you paint all the way to the ends of your leaf.

4. Carefully press the painted side of the leaf on your card. Make sure you've pushed it down all over to get the entire leaf. Carefully peel your leaf back to reveal your print.