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**GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:**

**Leaf Impressions**

### OVERVIEW:

Create leaf prints without pigment by using only a few simple materials. A fun and simple art project.

### MATERIALS:

- Leaves or flowers
- Hammer
- Paper Towel
- Water Colour Paper or something similar
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### EXTRA FUN:

Have the children take their decorated pieces of paper and write a story or poem on them. Hang up the finished pieces in the classroom or send them home. You could even frame each one for the children to take home as gifts (Mother's day? Father's day? Maybe write a poem or their favourite memory with mom or dad?).



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**Ages:** 8 - 13

**Time:** 30 minutes

### PROCEDURE

- Step 1:** Collect leaves or flowers from outside (depending on the season). You could also bring them in yourself instead of having the children do it.
- Step 2:** Cut the water colour paper/or similar paper into 4.25x5.5" rectangles. Do this before hand to save time.
- Step 3:** Give each child some of the thick paper, a couple pieces of paper towel, and a hammer if there is enough for everyone. If not, they will have to share. (Perhaps have them split into groups depending on how many hammers you have for the activity).
- Step 4:** Demonstrate how you place the leaf on the paper, then put a piece of paper towel on top, then gently smack the leaf with a hammer a few times. Peel the leaf off of the paper and show them the end product.
- Step 5:** Monitor the children as they use the hammers and give help. Younger children may need you to specifically use the hammers.
- Step 6:** Have the children do a bunch of leaves on one sheet of paper to see the different effects. On a second piece of paper, tell them to choose their favourite imprints to put on one corner of the paper. Do the extra fun section as a great gift or writing activity.



1. Materials



2. Place leaf on paper and cover with paper towel.



3. Gently hammer on top of the leaf to get the colour out of the leaf.



4. Take the paper towel off and peel the leaf up.



5. The final image should be a beautiful print of the leaf on the paper.