



GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:

Fall Leaves Light Globe

OVERVIEW:

Children will collect Fall leaves and preserve them by creating a leaf shell over top of a balloon. The end product will be a beautiful globe that can be hung over top of lights to make a lantern/lamp.

MATERIALS:

- Balloons
- Modge Podge (found at art stores) or Liquid White Glue (cheaper - works just as well)
- Fall Leaves
- String to hang the balloons while they dry

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Ages: 8 - 13

Time: 30 - 45 minutes

PROCEDURE

- Step 1: Go outside with your students and collect fall leaves of every colour. You will want lots of them for each student!
- Step 2: Once back inside, spread the leaves out on a table or a spot on the floor. Have the children pick out a bunch of leaves that they would like to start with.
- Step 3: Give each student a balloon. Either fill them up before hand or have the students blow them up and tie them shut.
- Step 4: Mix the white glue with a bit of water in some bowls for each student. The glue should not be too watery. Just enough that you can use a paintbrush to paint the glue onto the balloon. Be sure to leave a space at the top (a fist sized hole) so that you can put them overtop of a lamp or hanging light!
- Step 5: Now everyone will start placing leaves onto their balloons and gluing them on with the paintbrush and white glue mixture.
- Step 6: Once the students have glued all the leaves they want onto the balloon, have them paint the entire balloon with a layer of white glue.
- Step 7: Hang the balloons somewhere in the classroom with the string and some newspaper underneath them so they can dry. Next day pop the balloons and gently pull them out of the leaf ball. You will now have beautiful Fall leaf globes!