

How to Make a Leaf Rubbing

Materials:

Chalk, crayons, and colored pencils
Paper (printer paper or construction paper)
Leaves
Magnifying Glass (optional)

Instructions:

1. Go outside and gather some leaves.
2. Use the magnifying glass and identification tools to try and identify what type of tree your leaf came from.
 - Look at the Leaf Parts paper to learn about the parts of the leaf.
 - Once you know the parts then you can start with the identification.
 - What shape is it? What type of margin does it have? What do the veins look like?
3. Write the name of the tree on your paper
4. Put the leaf on a hard surface, put the paper on top of the leaf.
5. Use chalk or a crayon to rub over the leaf to create an image of the leaf.
 - Try different types of leaves on your paper
 - Compare the different rubbings.
 - Which one was easier to color? Did it make a difference if the leaf was soft or hard?

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