

TAKE & MAKE

GRADES K-7

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LESSON OBJECTIVE

Explore the natural areas around you and find 3 different kinds of trees and collect their leaves. Make your own field journal to take with you while you are out exploring, bring along a pencil/crayon to make texture rubbings as you go. Using the texture rubbings you can make your own family of trees!



STEP 1: LEARN ABOUT TREES

- check out a book or watch about trees and their different leaves!

Follow-up Question:

What trees are native to North Carolina? Can you find North Carolina's state tree?

BOOKS

- Leaf Man by Louis Ehlert
- The Tree book for kids and their grown ups by Gina Ingoglia

VIDEOS

- Curious George: Curious About Trees <https://youtu.be/PqWnno9bmLQ>
- Bascom Youtube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL07C_NSRwCo5S2_QRgTQzLXxJrNPWCikt

WEBSITES

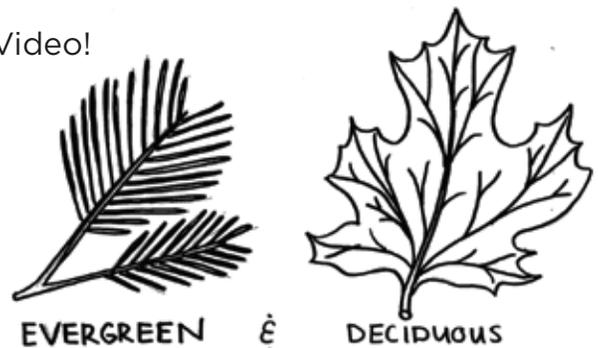
- Arborday.org <https://www.arborday.org/kids/>
- TreesCharlotte.org
<https://treescharlotte.org/tree-education-resources/chdrens-resources/>
- Sciencekids.co.nz <https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/plants/trees.html>

CRAFT OPTION 1: FAMILY TREES

Check out the Bascom Youtube for a How-To Video!

You will need:

- Plain white paper
- Crayons
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue



STEP 2: COLLECT LEAVES

- Find and identify a Deciduous Tree and Evergreen Tree, collect leaves from those trees

STEP 3: TIME TO CREATE!

- Now that you have your leaves let's make some leaf rubbings!

1. Place your leaf on a hard smooth surface
2. Put a piece of white paper on top of the leaf
3. Take the side of a pencil or crayon and rub the space of paper that the leaf is located
4. Continue rubbing until all the leaf is shown



STEP 4: CUT OUT AND GLUE YOUR LEAF RUBBINGS

STEP 5: DRAW FACES AND BODIES FOR YOUR LEAVES!

(I usually start with the torso)

- Add a background, middle ground and foreground, make it look like where you live or want to live!
- Incorporate some of your favorite hobbies, family pets, or how you like to spend your summer?



STEP 6: COLOR YOUR BACKGROUND AND LEAF FAMILY IN!

- Get creative or wacky! No two families look alike!



FOLLOW-UP QUESTION:

What did you notice about the different leaves?
Did some leaves make better texture rubbings than others?

CRAFT OPTION 2: MAKING YOUR OWN FIELD JOURNAL

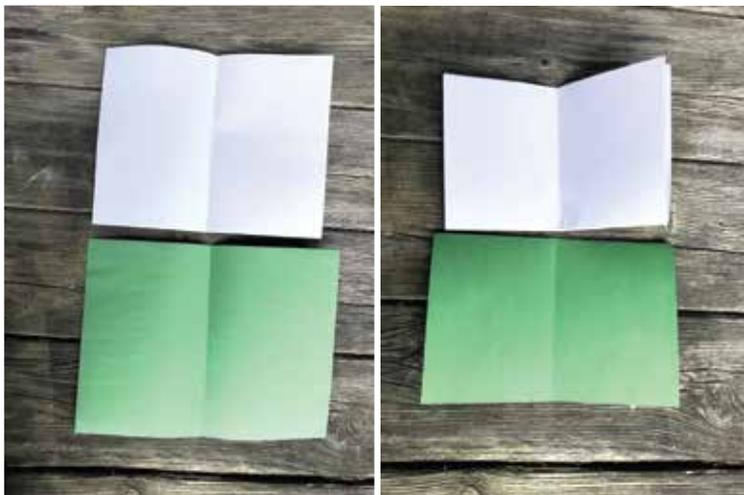
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STEP 1: Collect Materials

- 1 piece of colored paper!
- 5 pieces of plain white paper
- Scissors
- Yarn
- Pencil
- Markers



STEP 2 : Fold papers In half two times



STEP 3 : Cut the folded end of the white papers



STEP 4 : Place the pages inside the folded colored paper and mark 3 spots on the spine



STEP 5 : Poke holes in each page (Be sure to keep them in line!)



STEP 6 : Thread the yarn through the holes and tie them off



Activities to complete in your journal:

- Draw your own map
- Pressing flowers
- Collage/ plein air drawings
- Leaf rubbings

Design an interesting cover using a personal logo:

Things you could include in your logo:

- Your name
- Your Initials
- A picture or drawing of something that you are interested in (*Sports/Music/Nature/Art*)
- Logos usually will fit in a circle, square, triangle so start with that!



Start thinking of ideas by drawing a few shapes and fitting text or images inside of them!

Once you have a design you like Draw it on the front of your journal!
Color it in using markers or colored pencils!



Local Artist at The Bascom:

Artist Diane Kent also uses leaves as inspiration for her work! Diane does a beautiful job at painting each detail of the leaf in watercolor in her journals! Check out the Bascom's Virtual tour of Narrative/Abstraction/Iteration to see what else local artists are making!



Diane Kent, "Leaf II" 2019
Watercolor on Paper
20"x22"

"Field Journal" 2020,
Watercolor and ink