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Leaf Rubbing Art (Part 1)

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Ask a family member or friend to read the story about Jordan the Tree and their friend Squirrel below, and then complete the activity below and on the next page!

Once upon a time there was a tree named Jordan. Jordan was a very sad tree, because Jordan did not have any leaves. Jordan's best friend Squirrel decided to try to cheer Jordan up. Squirrel went on an adventure down the block to find some leaves to bring to Jordan.

First, Squirrel looked on the ground. One of the other trees on the block had lost a few leaves in the wind and they were now lying on the ground. Squirrel picked up those leaves and continued on. Next, Squirrel approached a great Oak tree. Squirrel asked the great Oak tree if they would be willing to share some of its leaves with Jordan.

"Sure," said the great Oak, "Jordan is my friend too, so I can share some of my leaves."

The adventure continued until Squirrel had collected leaves from Ash, Aspen, Maple, Cottonwood, Pine and Elm trees! Squirrel brought all the leaves back to Jordan and placed each of the leaves to the ends of Jordan's bare branches.

When all the leaves were in place, Jordan looked wonderful! Jordan became the happiest tree on the block! Not only were Jordan's branches no longer bare, Jordan was also touched by how kind the other trees had been by sharing their leaves. Jordan became a symbol of the uniqueness of the community and was never sad again.

What do you think Jordan looked like at the beginning of the story? What do you think Jordan looked like at the end? Draw a picture of Jordan without any leaves in the first space below, then draw a picture in the second space of Jordan after all the other trees share their leaves with them.



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Leaf Rubbing Art (Part 2)

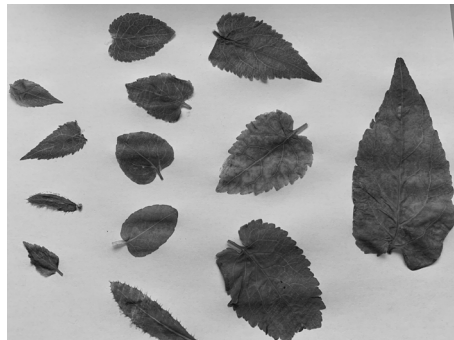
Collect some leaves from your community like the Squirrel in the story, and then follow the steps below to make some Leaf Rubbing Art!

Materials

- Leaves from your neighbourhood
- Pencil
- 2 Pieces of Paper
- Optional: pencil crayons or crayons

Instructions

- 1 Collect a variety of leaves; at least 15 leaves would be best!
- 2 Sort the leaves by size on 1 of the blank pieces of paper like so:



- 3 Spread the sorted leaves on the piece of paper and put another white paper on top of the leaves.
- 4 Take a pencil and rub the side of the pencil over the whole paper until it looks like this:



If the outline of the leaves does not appear on the paper right away, try rubbing a little harder with your pencil!