



Activity 3

FINE ARTS and SCIENCE

Leaf Rubbings

In this episode, Mary and Mike share a poem about five little leaves dancing among the trees. If we look closely at leaves, we notice that they are all very different and unique. Some may be pointy, some may be round, some may be very small, and some may be very big. Leaf rubbings help us to compare and contrast different types of leaves while creating beautiful art with nature.

VA Unified Early Learning and Development Standards

- ✓ APL1.1 Being curious learners
- ✓ APL1.2 Being active explorers
- ✓ APL3.2 Building working memory
- ✓ HPD1.1 Learning through all senses
- ✓ HPD3 Fine motor skills
- ✓ CD1.1 Paying attention to the natural world
- ✓ CLLD1.2 Using vocabulary and non-verbal cues to communicate
- ✓ CLLD2.2.1 Paying attention to print as meaningful
- ✓ CD4.4 Using visual arts media to develop skills and express thoughts and feelings

Materials Needed

- Paper
- Crayons with the paper wrapper removed
- Scissors
- A collection of different leaves

Directions

Collect some leaves of differing sizes, shapes, and textures from outside. Position a leaf with the bottom side facing up. Place a piece of paper over the leaf. With the side of a crayon, rub gently on the paper, covering the leaf. Continue to rub until you see the entire leaf take shape.

For an Extra Challenge

Make five different leaf rubbings with five different colored crayons, then cut the leaf rubbings out so that you have five different colored paper leaves. Use the leaves as you recite the poem, *Five Little Leaves*, from the episode (words are shown below). Substitute the word “little” with the color of a leaf, and let that particular leaf tumble to the ground.

Five Little Leaves

*Five Little Leaves so happy and bright,
Were dancing among the trees one night.
Along came the wind and blew through town,
(Whoooooo.....)
And one (color) leaf came tumbling down.*

See an Example!

Watch this [instructional video](#) to see the leaf rubbings activity in action