



Leaf Art

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When you put paper over a leaf and rub it with crayon, all the details of the leaf will show up on the paper. You can use leaf rubbings to create beautiful pictures.

YOU WILL NEED:

leaves



wax crayons

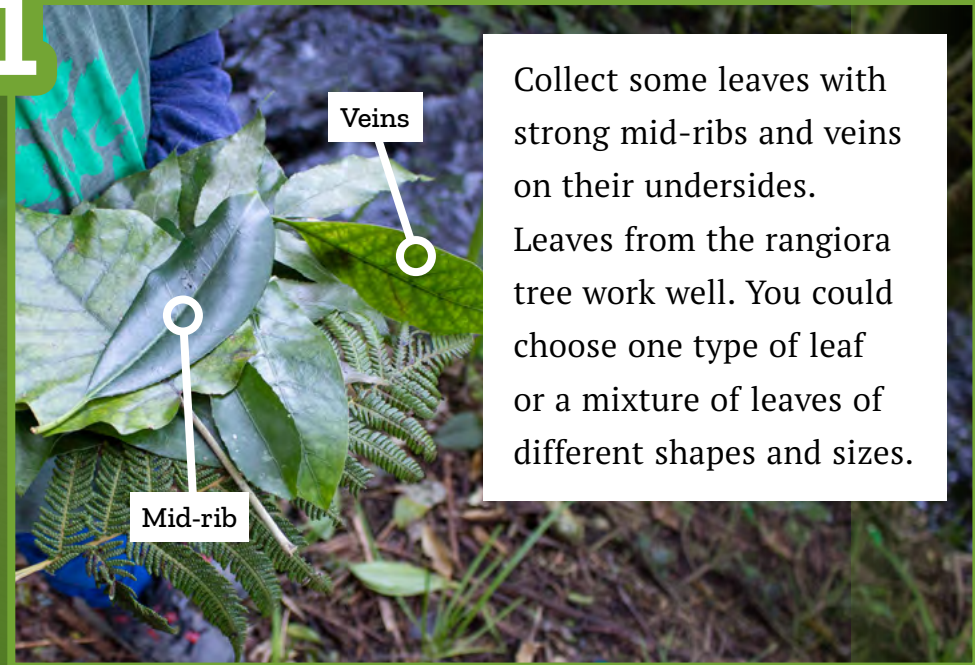


masking tape



light paper

1



Collect some leaves with strong mid-ribs and veins on their undersides. Leaves from the rangiora tree work well. You could choose one type of leaf or a mixture of leaves of different shapes and sizes.

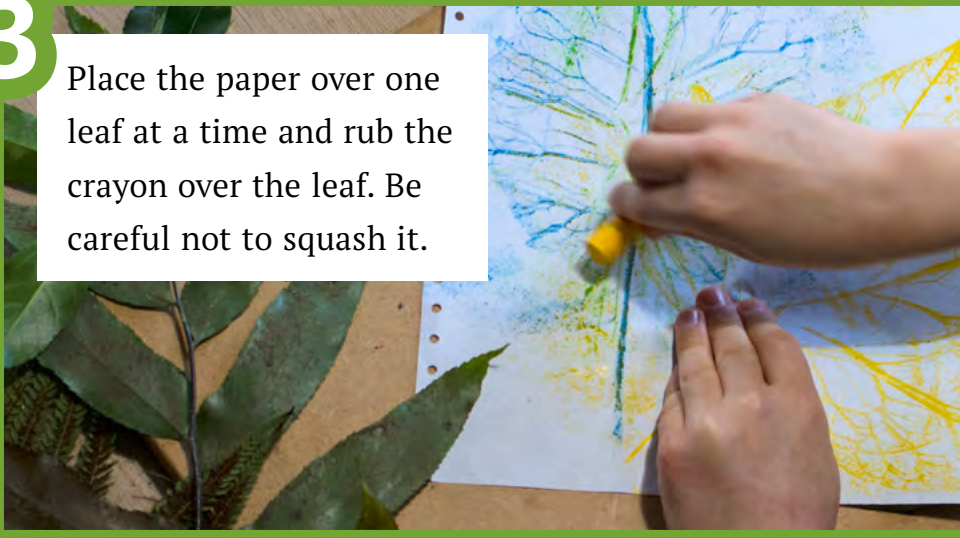
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Place the leaves on a hard, flat surface with their undersides up. Think about how you are going to set them out. You could make a picture using a number of leaves, or you could make a picture of each leaf by itself.



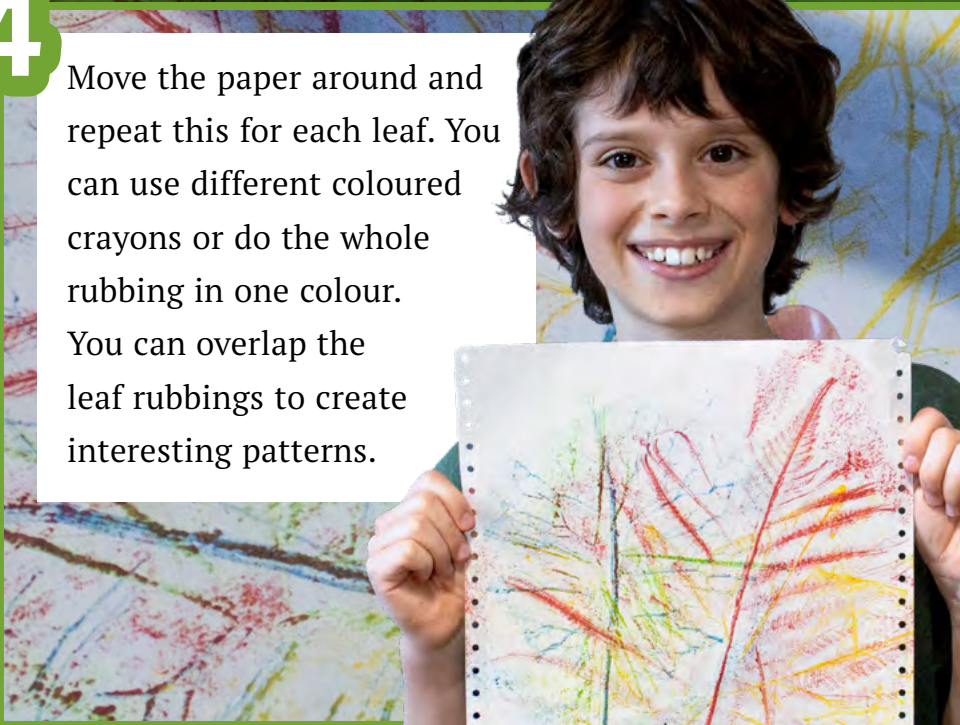
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Place the paper over one leaf at a time and rub the crayon over the leaf. Be careful not to squash it.



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Move the paper around and repeat this for each leaf. You can use different coloured crayons or do the whole rubbing in one colour. You can overlap the leaf rubbings to create interesting patterns.



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