

A CREATIVE PROJECT



Rawatoi | Materials

Paper to print on (coloured or white – whatever you can find)

Felt pens (those with fat, round tips will work best for not tearing or cutting the leaf)

Leaves

Scrap paper to lean on

Damp paper towel

Rainbow leaf prints

Venture outside to collect some leaves to use for your rainbow leaf prints. These prints add some fun colour to your day!

Tohutohu | Instructions

- 1 Look around your garden for some flat leaves (these work best) and bring them to your worktable.
- 2 Lay out a piece of scrap paper under your leaf and, using your felt pens, colour in the leaf using different colours. Be careful to do this gently, so you don't crush or rip the leaf. For the best results colour in the rougher, vein-covered side of the leaf.
- 3 When the leaf is all done, then you are ready to print.
- 4 Wipe a damp paper towel over the paper you are going to print on. You want the paper to be damp, but not soggy.
- 5 Turn the coloured side of the leaf onto the paper and press down gently. Press all over to make sure the colours from the leaf have a chance to transfer to the paper.
- 6 You can print multiple rainbow leaves on a single piece of paper. Keep in mind that wetting the paper to print more leaves may smear the colour from the first print, so try to keep the prints separated a little. You can reuse leaves over and over, but some colour may stay on the leaves and affect the result. Try adding patterns when colouring in the leaves – spirals, stripes or your own designs.

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