

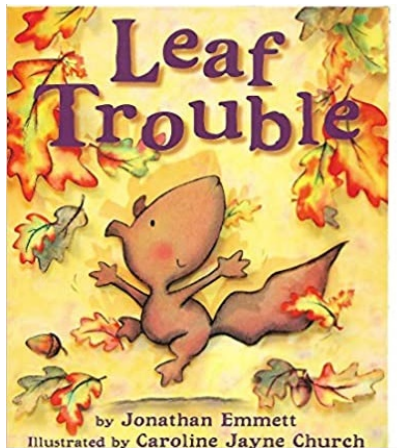


Time: 20 minutes

Messiness: low

Adult involvement: medium

Leaf Smush Painting!

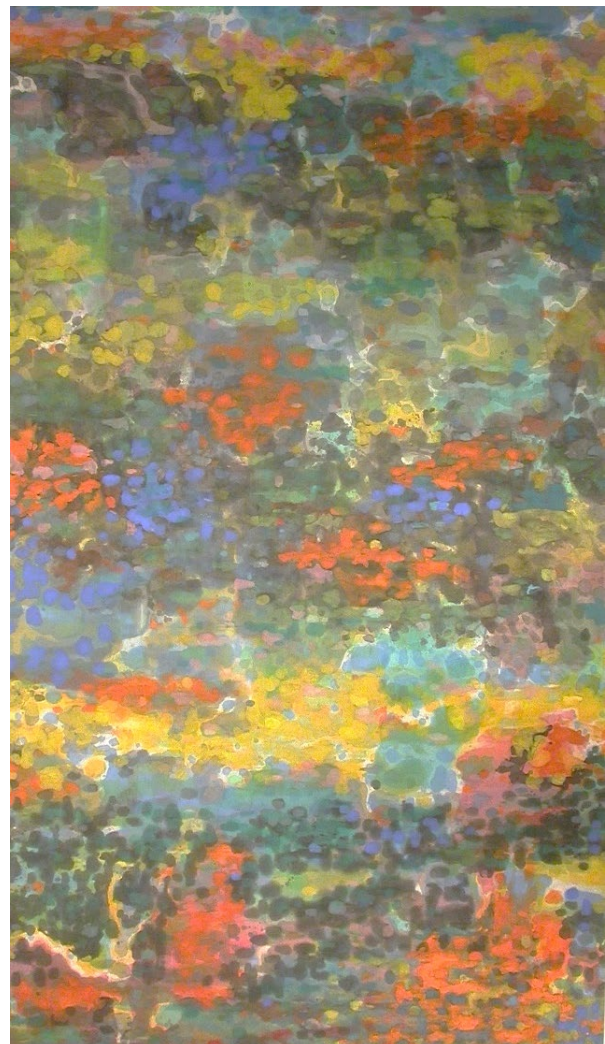


Description: young artists learn about the changing colors of fall leaves with a friendly squirrel family and make an smush painting of a leaf!

Story: [“Leaf Trouble”](#) written by Jonathan Emmett and illustrated by Caroline Jayne Church (Scholastic; 2009)

Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- This artwork is named “The Seasons”.
 - What colors can you name in this artwork? Which color did you notice first?
 - Is your favorite color in this artwork? What objects can you name that are this color?
- The artist made this painting by allowing paint to soak into a fabric canvas.
 - Which colors seem the brightest or most pure? Which colors look muddy or like a mixture of many colors?
- Which color reminds you of your favorite season? Why?



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Materials Needed

- 1) scrap of paper for sketching
- 2) scissors
- 3) tape
- 4) one: card stock 8"x10"
- 5) one: colored construction paper
- 6) sandwich bag with closure
- 7) pencil
- 8) colors of acrylic paint

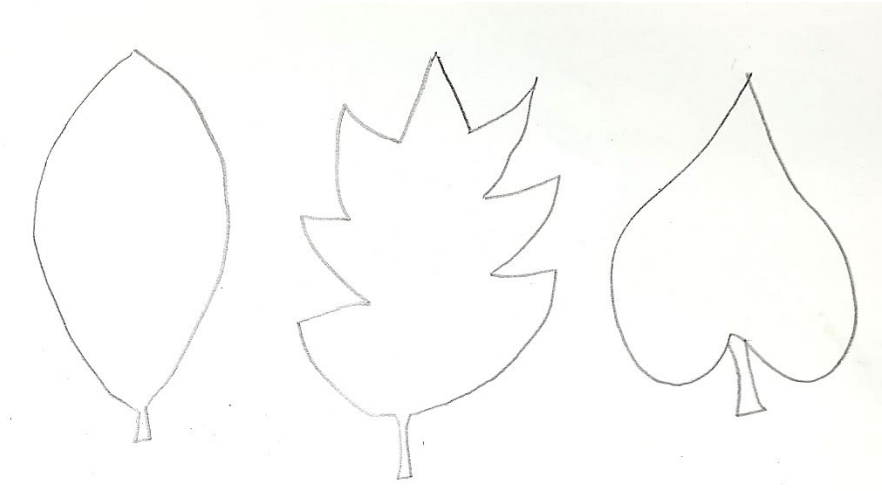


Project Skills

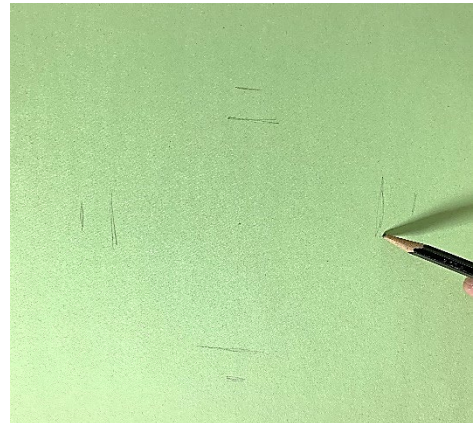
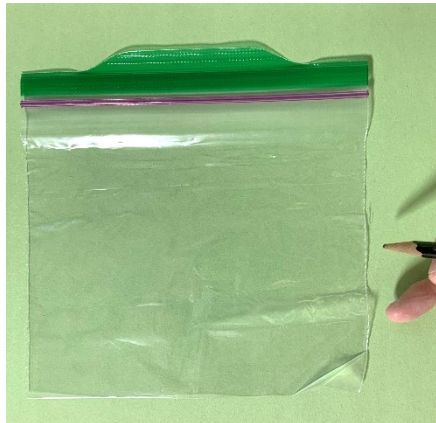
- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) cutting
 - b) gluing
 - c) embossing
- 2) Language Development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- 3) 21st-Century
 - a) critical thinking
 - b) creativity

Project Instructions

- 1) Use your paper scrap to sketch out different kinds of leaves and then choose your favorite.

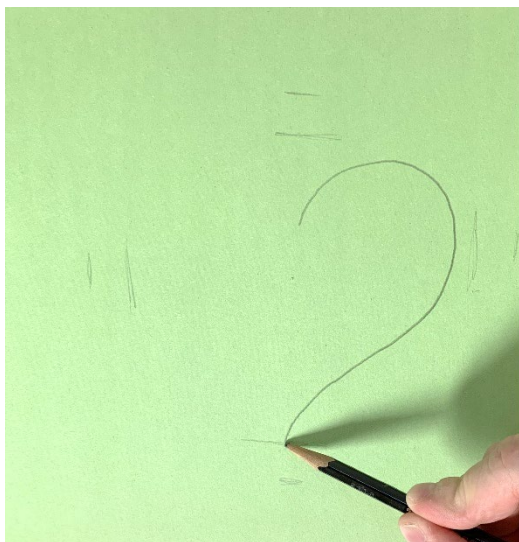


- 2) Lay the sandwich bag on top of your construction paper. Make a mark along the edges, and then make additional marks just inside.

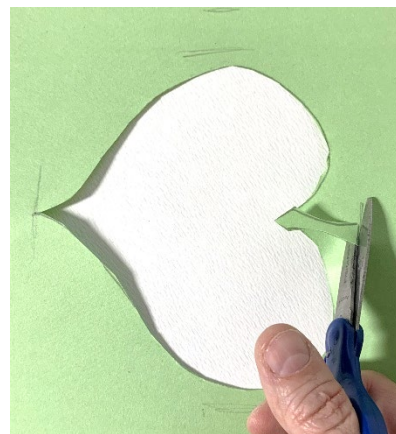
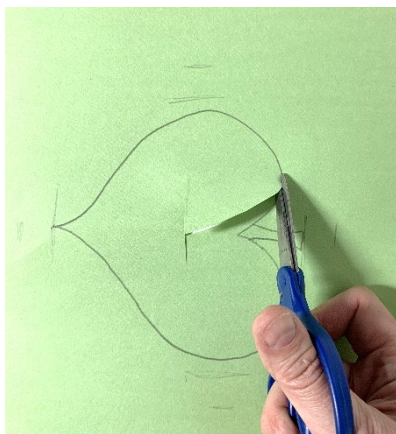
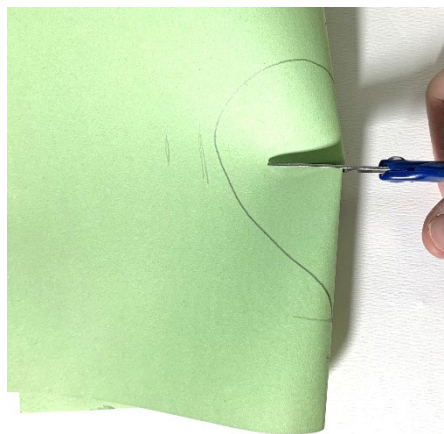


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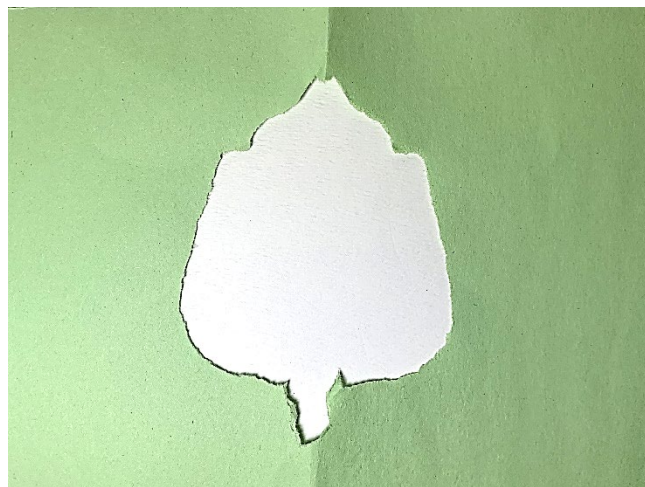
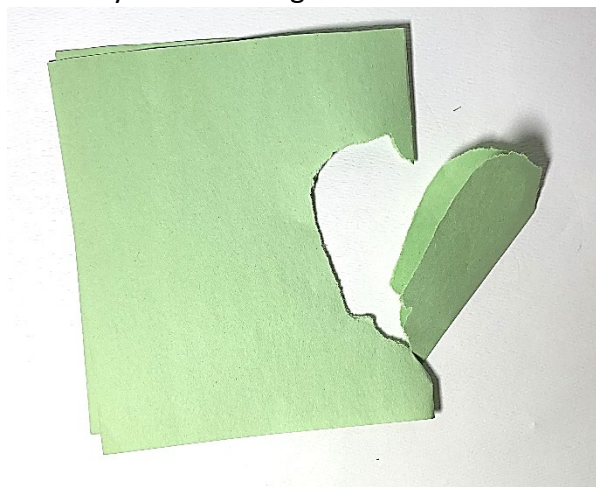
- 3) Draw your favorite leaf, making sure to stay within the lines you sketched.



- 4) Fold your paper in half and make a small cut. Open paper and cut around the shape.



Helpful Hint: If you would prefer to tear your shape, fold your paper and half and tear half your leaf along the fold.



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- 5) Open sandwich bag and put large drops of paint inside and then seal the bag.



- 6) Tape the edges of the bag down to the cardstock.



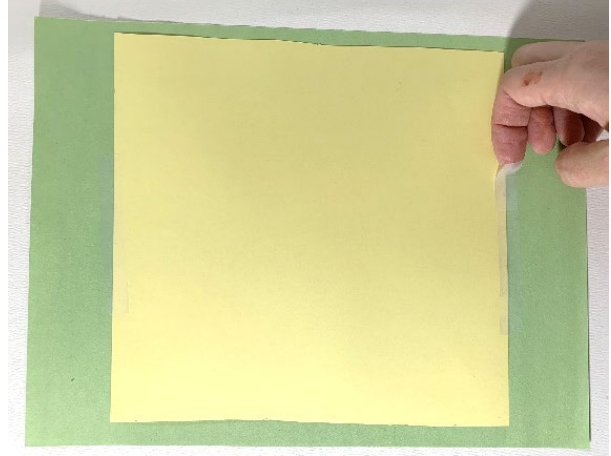
- 7) Use your finger to smooch the paint together! Mix the colors together but stop before the colors get muddy, or completely mixed.



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- 8) Tape the cardstock to the back of the construction paper. Trim edges if they go over.



- 9) What a beautiful autumn leaf!



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