

Ann's Creative Corner

Project #79: Fall Leaf Splatter

- Gather some Fall leaves and flatten. (may be placed in between newspaper and flatten with a heavy book for a few hours)
- Cut out some leaf shapes.
- Lightly tape the paper or natural leaves onto a piece of construction paper.
- Using a liquid paint, try placing very small amount onto something like a metal screen or strainer. A wooden frame with a metal or plastic screen would work the best!
- Smooth it out and be sure it is not too thin so it does not drip.
- Place the screen over top your construction paper with the taped leaves in place.
- Using a small stiff brush like a toothbrush, lightly scrape over the paint as it splatters onto the paper below. Try various colours of paint.
- When the paint is slightly dry, remove the leaves or paper leaves from the construction paper to reveal the imprint shape of the leaves you had placed onto the paper.
- Another idea is to get some leaf rubbings. Place a leaf under some thin white paper. Using a crayon or pencil, lightly rub over the leaf shape and you can create the leaf rubbing shape onto the paper. Try taping the leaf under the paper so it does not slip. There are also some plastic leaf rubbing templates you may find in the store.

Activity: Nature walk, leaf hunt, observe the trees. Walk in leaves. Listen, smell, see!

