

# Leaf Rubbings with Crayons

Let's create beautiful, colorful leaf rubbings using crayons! This classic craft is simple and fun for all ages. It's a perfect way to explore nature and capture the intricate details of leaves. You'll love how each leaf's unique shape and texture come to life on paper, creating a stunning work of art. Whether you hang them on the fridge or turn them into cards, these leaf rubbings will remind you of the beauty of the outdoors.



## Materials List:

- **A variety of leaves** (different shapes and sizes, freshly picked or dried)
- **White paper** (regular printer paper or thin craft paper works great)
- **Crayons** (choose bright colors for bold rubbings!)
- **Scissors** (optional, to trim your artwork)
- **Tape** (optional, to keep leaves in place while rubbing)

## **Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!**

1. **Go on a Leaf Hunt:** Start by going outside and collecting different types of leaves. Look for ones with interesting shapes and deep veins—maple, oak, and ferns work especially well for rubbings.
2. **Place Your Leaf:** Once you've gathered your leaves, place one on a flat surface with the vein side facing up. If it's a bit tricky to keep in place, you can use a small piece of tape to secure the leaf to the table.
3. **Cover with Paper:** Lay a piece of white paper over the leaf. Make sure it's flat and fully covering the leaf.
4. **Rub the Crayon:** Peel the paper off a crayon and hold it sideways. Gently rub the crayon back and forth over the leaf. Watch as the shape and texture of the leaf appear on the paper! Try using different colors to make your leaf rubbings vibrant.
5. **Switch It Up:** Repeat the process with different leaves and colors to create a collage of leaf rubbings on your paper. You can even layer the leaves and colors for a cool, overlapping effect.
6. **Display or Cut:** Once you've finished your rubbings, you can trim the paper to fit a frame or use the artwork to create cards, bookmarks, or even wrapping paper. It's a fun way to turn your leaf rubbings into something special!

### **Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!**

Want to take your leaf rubbings to the next level? Try adding a watercolor wash over the crayon rubbings to create a vibrant background. You can also outline the leaf shapes with markers or metallic pens for an extra pop. If you're feeling creative, turn your leaf rubbings into a nature scene by drawing animals, flowers, or trees around your leaves!