

Age Group: MIDDLE

Focus: Art Skills

Time: 4 x 50 minute lessons

■ Materials

- ☐ Pictures of leaves
- ☐ A4 scrap paper
- ☐ Kitchen sponges (half a sponge per student)
- ☐ Hot glue or PVA glue
- ☐ Cardboard bases (one per student)

■ Lesson 1

Step 1: Discuss the change of seasons and how it affects trees and the colour of their leaves. Look at pictures of different leaves and get students to practise drawing the outlines of different shaped leaves.

Step 2: Instruct students to draw the outline of a leaf shape on a kitchen sponge and cut it out.

Step 3: Students should then use hot glue or PVA glue to paste it onto a thick cardboard base.

☺ **Cardboard base:** the base should be approximately the size of the student's hand.

☺ **SAFETY NOTE:** Ensure that students are adequately assisted if you are using hot glue.

■ Materials

- ☐ Leaf sponge
- ☐ Acrylic paint
- ☐ Paint brushes
- ☐ A3 paper
- ☐ White (or light) coloured pencil
- ☐ A3 black paper
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue stick

■ Lesson 2

Step 1: Students should use their sponge leaf to make prints by using a brush to paint on two or more different colours (see example 1 on page 41) and printing onto a sheet of A3 paper (see example 2 on page 41).

Step 2: While the leaf prints are drying, the students should use a white coloured pencil to draw the outline of a tree onto black paper (see example 3 on page 41). For younger students you could photocopy the Tree Template on page 42 onto overhead film and project it onto the wall so that the students can trace it onto their black paper.

Step 3: Students should then cut out their tree outline and glue it onto a light coloured background (see example 4 on page 41).

■ Materials

- ☐ Leaf print
- ☐ Tree silhouette
- ☐ Black permanent marker
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue stick

■ Lesson 3

Step 1: Students should outline their leaves on their dry leaf print (from Lesson 2) with a black permanent marker and add veins to their leaves (see example 5 on page 41).

Step 2: Instruct students to carefully cut out each leaf.

Step 3: Students should then arrange their leaves onto their tree silhouettes and when happy with the arrangement glue down the leaves (see example 6 on page 41).

■ Materials

- ☐ Leaf print
- ☐ Tree silhouette
- ☐ Black wax crayon
- ☐ Dry leaves
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue stick

■ Lesson 4

Step 1: To complete their final piece, students should use a dry leaf and a black wax crayon to make a number of leaf rubbings.

Step 2: Instruct students to cut out the leaf rubbings and glue them falling from the tree and at the bottom of the art piece (see example 7 on page 41).

Tree Silhouettes and Leaf Prints

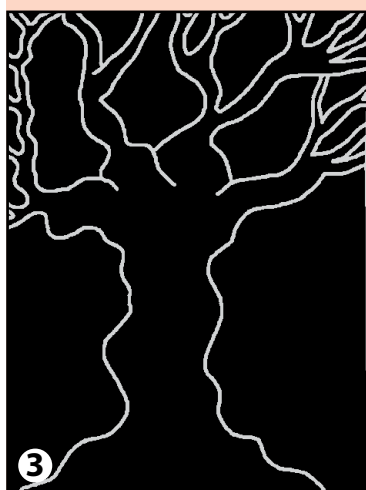
■ How to Create Tree Silhouettes and Leaf Prints



Tip: Allow students to swap their stamps so that they are able to print several different leaf shapes.



Tip: Have a limited number of colours available to print with, and set a maximum of three colours for any one leaf.



Tree Template

