

## Leaf Prints

Duration: 5 min-15 min

Suggested Age: 4-6

### Supplies.

- Leaves
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Paper and cardboard

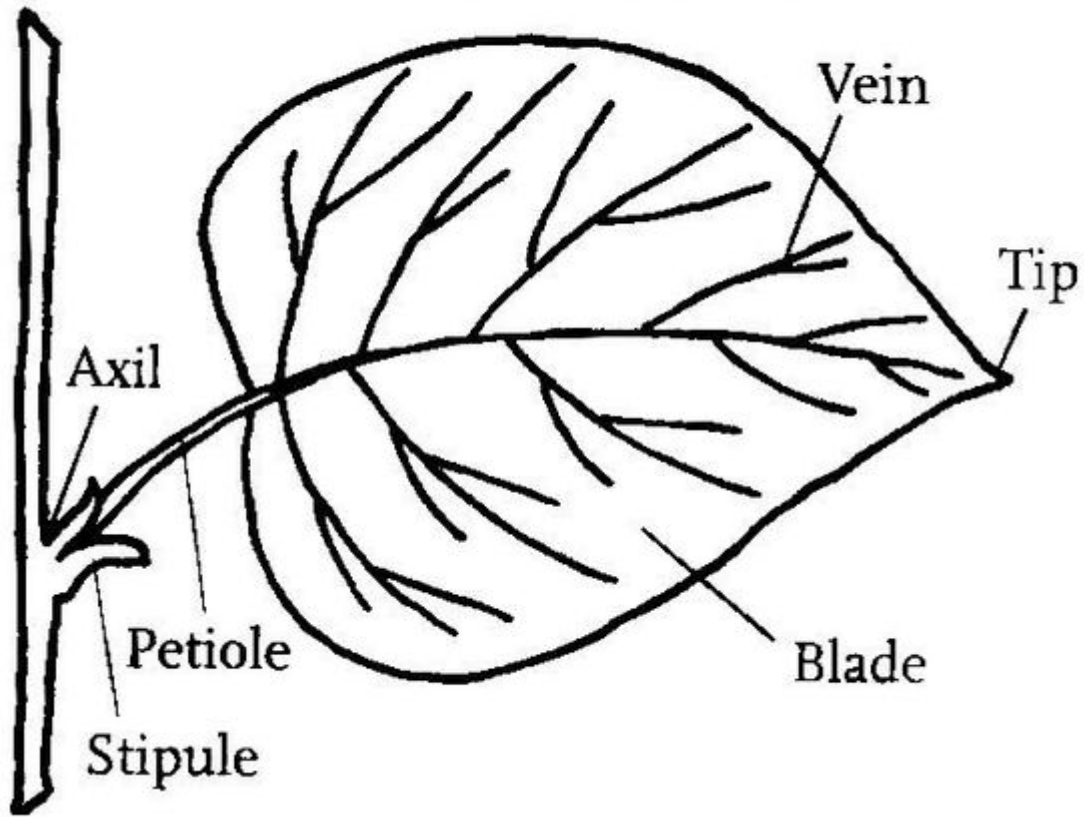
### Steps

- Go for a walk or go in your backyard and find some interesting leaves or anything else that might make a fun print. Make sure they are fresh and pliable so you can press on them without them breaking
- Lay down newspaper to protect your work surface
- Select the leaf or leaves you want to use
- Paint one side of the first leaf
- Gently flip the leaf paint side down on the paper. Carefully and firmly press on the leaf to make sure the entire leaf touches the paper
- Peel the leaf off the paper
- Add more leaves of different sizes and paint colors!

### Explore Further

- When you press your leaf on the paper it leaves a mirror image! Just like how everything is backwards when you look in a mirror, the leaf print is backwards!
- Can you see the different parts of the leaf in your print? If there's too much paint, try putting only a little paint on a leaf and pressing it onto a paper! See the diagram below to identify the parts of a leaf:

## LEAF PART NAMES



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