

## HOW TO MAKE LEAF PRINT PAINTING

Today we're going to make leaf prints. Go outside and find some of your favorite leaves. Look for different colors and shapes and sizes. Each one should be different, just like each one of you is different. Choose one that you like. Leaves have a front and a back. The front of the leaf is smooth. The back has veins, little tubes that carry water and food to the leaves. Push up your sleeves, and let's get ready to paint.

\*Get a piece of paper. It can be plain white paper or colorful construction paper.

\*Set your leaf on your paper with the back side (rough, veiny side) facing up.

\*Here's how to make prints. Paint the back of the leaf with a thin coat of paint.

\*Next, turn the leaf over, painted side down, and press the leaf carefully onto the paper.

\*You may choose to paint your leaf with several different colors.

\* When you are finished with your leaf, lift it up carefully by the stem and throw it away in the garbage.

\*Can you make a drawing with your painted leaves? Or do you just want to have a bunch of colored leaves on your paper. You are the creator and artist. It's up to you!!

