

STAINED GLASS FROM LEAVES

Creative activity using colorful autumn leaves.

AGE: kindergarten, primary school, secondary school, **TIME:** 20 – 40 minutes, **PLACE:** a locality close to the school where it is possible to collect leaves, **SEASON:** preferably autumn, **TOOLS:** sheets of sturdy paper or cardboard, scissors, tape, pencils



1. INSPIRATION

First, it is good to show sample pieces of work so the children see how the technique works. Then they can easier come with their own ideas.

2. MATERIAL

The children collect suitable leaves within a pre-agreed area and think about the final shape and colors of their images.



3. CUTTING WINDOWS

First step is to sketch the image on a sturdy paper. Then we cut out the places where the leaves will be.

4. COLORS

Now we cover the holes with the chosen leaves. We simply put the leaf in the place and attach it to the paper by tape. If we cover large spaces, it is good to tape the leaves together even inside the window.





5. EXHIBITION

At the end we can organize a small exhibition. We can for example attach the pieces of work on a tree or a string with a clothespins. Then we can admire how the sun brightens the images and how the color changes with different view angles.



6. VARIANTS

It is possible to link this creative activity with other topics. With small children we can practice shapes or make images of favorite animals or fairytale characters. It can even be a starting point for follow-up storytelling or writing. Older pupils can use previous knowledge when making images of planets or creating maps.



If we want to keep the images or give them as a gift, it is good to let them dry pressed between sheets of newspaper. It is then nice to place the images on windows, where the colors will be shining nicely.

You can find more photos at <https://ucimesevenku.cz/atelier/listove-vitraze/>



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