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Leaf Printing

Channel your artistic side by using materials from your garden. A great activity for kids and adults alike.

Materials:

- Varied Leaves
- Sheets of paper
- Watercolors
- Bowl of Water
- Paintbrush



Step 1: Select leaves with heavy veining. Dip your paintbrush in the bowl of water and then in the watercolor you want to use.



Step 2: Paint the back of the leaf.



Step 3: Lay the leaf paint side down on the paper.



Step 3: Use your fingers or a small roller to press the back of the leaf onto the paper. Make sure the whole leaf is pressed down.



Step 4: After a few seconds, lift the leaf off the paper carefully and let your leaf print dry. Get creative and print multiple leaves to create an art piece!



Bonus challenge: Write down the Latin Name of the tree, shrub, or plant that the leaf came from under the leaf print to help develop your knowledge of plant species.



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