

Fall Colors

(Seasons book)

Fall is just around the corner, which means in many places around the world, the leaves will be changing colors and falling from the trees. Get ready to add to your seasons book! For more craft activities and ideas, please visit

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Materials

- White sheet of paper (2)
- Brown construction paper (1)
- Green construction paper (1)
- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange, green, brown)
- Tempera paint (red, yellow, orange, green, brown) (optional)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Marker

Book Link

- **It's Fall!** by Linda Glaser
- **Fall Is Not Easy** by Marty Kelley

Time to create!

Step 1: Using the brown piece of construction paper, have your child place his/her forearm up to the hand onto the paper. Your child's forearm and hand will be the tree. Using your pencil, trace your child's hand and forearm. Then cut it out. Have your child glue the tree onto the center of his/her white sheet of paper.

Step 2: Using various colors of tissue paper, cut out 1 inch squares of tissue paper (the tree's leaves). Using a pencil, take one square of tissue paper and place the tip of your eraser into the center of the square piece of tissue paper. Squeeze the tissue paper around the end of the pencil. Place a dab of glue onto the tissue paper (eraser portion of the pencil) and glue randomly into place on the hand portion of your child's tree. Continue doing this until the tree is covered with Fall colored "leaves." (You can also use tempera paint in place of tissue paper and have your child stamp different colored fingerprints onto his/her tree.)

Step 3: Using the green construction paper, write the poem "Fall Leaves" and draw the shape of a leaf onto the green paper around the poem. Then cut the leaf out and glue onto the white paper next to your child's tree. Be sure to venture outside on a nature walk and crunch the leaves with your feet. You might even like to make a big pile of leaves and get a picture to add to your "Fall" seasons page.

Step 4: Using the additional sheet of paper, go outside and collect a variety of leaves. Using a crayon, tear off the paper wrapper on the crayon. Lying the crayon on its side, place the leaf under the paper and begin rubbing the crayon back and forth on the surface of the paper. You'll see the leaf coming through!

"Fall Leaves"

I'm just a little leaf
I live high in a tree
I spin and whirl around and 'round
dancing on the breeze

At night the air is cool and calm
the moon is shining bright
I love to dream at night
about the day I will take flight

They say that Fall is coming
Autumn is drawing near
that means it's time for me to go
for Fall is almost here.

Now should you see a leaf like me
sailing toward the ground
I hope you'll scoop me up
and twirl me 'round and 'round