

Hand-y Autumn Trees

Materials Needed:

- A variety of leaves (gathered during your nature walk)
- 1-2 sheets 8.5 x 11 white copy or printer paper*
- 1 sheet white card stock or construction paper
- Fall signs – see next page
- Paint brush or sponge
- Brown craft paint
- Crayons*
- Scissors
- Glue

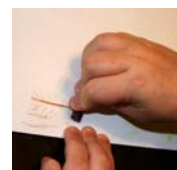


**not needed for alternate craft – see below*

It's time to create your trees!

- Step 1** – Learn the signs for TREE, LEAF, and AUTUMN (see next page).
- Step 2** – Go for a nature walk. Practice your new signs and gather a variety of fall leaves as you go.
- Step 3** – At home, create the tree trunk by painting your hand and forearm with brown paint and pressing it onto the white card stock or construction paper.
- Step 4** – Place a leaf under the copy paper and rub the crayon over the leaf until it shows on the paper. Repeat until you fill page with leaves.
- Step 5** – Cut out the leaves and glue them on (and around) the tree trunk.

Alternative Craft: Skip steps 4 and 5 and glue the leaves directly to the tree trunk.



See next page for fall signs!





leaf

Open one hand to show the leaf. Place your pointer finger on it like a stem. Shake your open hand while floating both hands down like a falling leaf.



tree

Rest your elbow on your hand and spread your fingers to make a tree. Twist your open hand a bit, like leaves shaking in the wind.



autumn/fall

Brush your elbow a few times with a relaxed hand. It's like leaves brushing a tree trunk as they fall.



Fall Signs

