

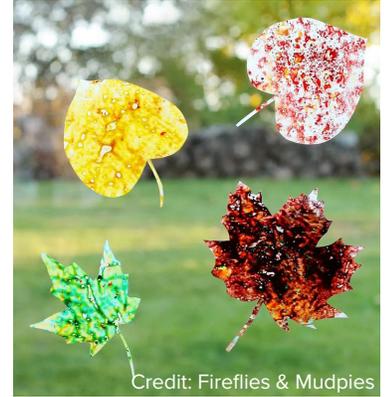
5 Arbor Day Tree Crafts

Try these tree- themed crafts with everyday, at-home items!

LEAF SUNCATCHERS

Supplies: Leaves, crayons, mini grater, wax paper, iron, old dishcloths

1. Explore outside and select leaves that will be used for your suncatcher shape.
2. Remove paper from crayons and grate crayons over a piece of wax paper with a mini grater. Use enough shavings to cover the area and experiment with colors!
3. Place a second sheet of wax paper over the crayon shavings.
4. Secure an old dishcloth under and on top of both pieces of wax paper (to protect your table and iron), and gently iron over them. The wax paper and crayon shavings melt together.
5. Trace the leaves on the wax paper and cut out the shapes. Place them on the window with double-sided tape.



LEAF STAMP ART

Supplies: Leaves, paper, paint, paintbrushes

1. Explore outside and select leaves for your project.
2. With a paintbrush, paint leaves in any color or pattern.
3. Place the side with wet paint onto your white paper to create your design.



BUBBLE WRAP BLOSSOM TREE ART

Supplies: Paper, paint, paintbrush, bubble wrap, scissors

1. Paint a tree shape with a trunk and branches on your paper.
2. Cut out a small amount of bubble wrap that is workable for your child.
3. Using a paint brush, paint the individual bubbles.
4. Turn the bubble wrap over, place it onto the tree and press down firmly.
5. Remove the bubble wrap to reveal the print. Repeat and layer until the tree is covered with blossoms.



LEAF SCRATCH ART

Supplies: Leaves, white poster board, crayons, scissors, paint, dish soap, paperclip

1. With your selected leaves, trace each leaf outline onto white poster board. Then cut out the leaf shape.
2. Color the entire leaf with crayon. Press hard over the whole surface!
3. On a plate, mix together one part dish soap to three parts paint. Apply one to two coats of paint mixture over the colored leaf. Allow to dry completely.
4. Use a straightened paper clip to scratch designs into the leaves.



LEAF ANIMALS

Supplies: Leaves, Markers, Glue, Paper

1. Collect a variety of leaves, sticks, seeds.
2. Use your imagination to create an animal of your choice. Larger leaves can be used for the body and smaller ones make great ears. You can use small twigs for legs or narrow leaves. Add any embellishments with markers or googly eyes.

