

Coffee leaves activity, printing collage and authentic leaf project.

For this project you will need:

- Leaves
- Scissors
- paints
- PVA glue
- watercolour
- Book pages, maps or tissue paper.
- Coffee and tea
- Stitching thread and needle.

For the final result you have yourself an authentic leaf shape collage piece to add to a vine. With all of the elements combined it should have a naturally stained touch and the appearance of a large leaf with your creativity added to it!

01 Background

using a piece of paper, you will begin to layer book pages and collage any tissues or collage paper to create your base. Be creative and build the image to your liking.



Coffee staining 02

Using a small container of boiling water- induce coffee and stir (the amount of coffee you use the darker the result) using a paintbrush you can stain the paper and use the leaves as a template for pattern and as a stencil if wanted. You can then cut out your leaf pattern or move on to the third step if you wish to use real leaves within the final result.

03 Leaf layer

Using the leaf of your choice (better have your leaves pressed between a book prior to keep it flat) add a layer of PVA glue and press leaf over, followed by a thick layer of PVA glue on top. This will keep the leaf from curling or crumbling. This will preserve its appearance.



Stitch it! 04

If you wish to go the extra mile you can stitch the paper of the leaf using needle and thread. Adds detail and authenticity to the design and using a mixed media approach towards your design. You can also write a small message inspired by peter and the wolf fairy tale.

05 Final bend.

Final stage! Once you have your leaf and the final product, you will want to cut out the same shape and tape a wire between both pages to ensure you can attach the leaf to the vines easily and it also applies flexibility in bending the leaves into the desired shape. To have a design on both sides is a great benefit as the leaf can face any way!



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