NATURE CRAFT
FALL LEAF WREATH



This fall leaf craft allows children to express their creativty and celebrate the season. It is also a great opportunity to learn about why leaves change colors. As days grow shorter and temperatures change in fall, deciduous trees begin producing less chlorophyll, the green pigment that absorbs sunlight and helps provide the energy necessary for plant growth.

As chlorophyll breaks down, other pigments become visible. Yellow and orange pigments were present in the leaves all along, but their colors were masked by the chlorophyll during summer. Some trees also produce red pigments in fall. These pigments help protect leaves from intense sunlight while trees recover and store nutrients from their leaves before they drop.

CREATE YOUR OWN FALL LEAF WREATH

MATERIALS

Cardboard, scissors, glue, acrylic markers, twine, a hole punch, and fallen leaves.

DIRECTIONS

1. Collect a handful of fallen leaves in a variety of shapes and colors. Decorate the leaves using acrylic markers.
2. Draw two rings on your cardboard, with a smaller ring inside the larger one, to create your desired wreath size and cut out the outer and inner rings.
3. Glue leaves onto ring and set aside until glue dries.
4. Punch a hole at the top of the ring, attach twine, and hang the wreath wherever you'd like!

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