



Use real leaves to create beautiful prints that show off the amazing patterns and textures from the surface of the leaves.

# LEAF PRINTS

## You'll need...

- LEAVES
- PAPER
- SCRAP PAPER OR NEWSPAPER
- POSTER PAINTS



**!** Please try to find the tree leaf on the ground, rather than taking a leaf from a branch as the tree needs that leaf to make its food.

- 1:** Go outside and find a variety of leaves in different shapes and sizes. The leaves shouldn't be too dried out – they need to be flexible so you can print with them.
- 2:** Choose one of your leaves and place it on your scrap paper with the underside facing up.
- 3:** Brush a fairly thin layer of paint all over the leaf, making sure to cover the entire surface.
- 4:** Carefully peel the leaf off the scrap paper and then press the painted side onto your clean paper.
- 5:** Peel off the leaf to reveal your leaf print.
- 6:** Do it all again with your other leaves and different colours until your page is full of leaf prints. You could try layering and overlapping the prints to create a variety of effects and textures.

**!** You could cut out your leaf prints once they're dry then string them together to make a leaf bunting decoration

