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Leaf Prints

Leaves are made up of a blade (the main flat part), veins, and a petiole (leaf stalk) which attaches to the stem. Some leaves have smooth edges. Other leaves have tiny points, called teeth. Leaves may also have waxy or hairy coverings for protection. In this activity little ones can explore the textures of leaves and make prints of the different types.

You'll need:

- Canvas tote or paper bag
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Plate or tray to hold paint
- Leaves

What to do:

1. Pick one leaf and lay it vein-side up on a flat surface like a tray.
2. Gently paint the leaf.
3. Flip it over and place on the canvas tote or paper bag and press. (Note: it helps to put a piece of cardboard in the bag to protect the paint from bleeding through.)
4. Encourage little ones to compare their leaf prints once they are dry. Which leaf has the most veins? Can you count the number of points on each leaf?



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