



Spring is here! As you clean up your yard and prepare your flower beds, you are sure to find leaves hiding from last fall! Make a game of finding the most and different leaves. Leaf rubbings are a fun and easy way to create an artistic masterpiece!

Arrange the leaves in an interesting way and place a piece of paper over the top. Gently rub the top of the paper with one or more peeled crayons laid on their side. Adjust the amount of pressure to uncover their veins and textures.

Since the wax in crayons acts as a resist, you can paint over the leaf rubbing with watercolors to give your design more color. How many other textures and patterns can you find in your home or back yard?

<u>Materials</u>: Paper Leaves, plants or flowers Crayons Watercolor and brush





Create a nature-inspired stained glass piece in your home for both your family and neighbors to enjoy!

Gather small found materials of various color and shape from around your house and yard (leaves, flowers, etc.) and experiment with different designs as you lay out the materials.

Use tape to hang clear contact paper with the sticky side facing away from the window. Arrange your materials on the window's sticky surface. How does it look? Do you need to add more or different materials? How about adding string to draw an abstract image? Observe how shadows dance across your room as this piece of art interacts with the sunlight.

<u>Materials</u>: Tape Contact paper Scissors Tissue paper Construction paper Plant material String