

# Leaf Rubbings

## Primary Objectives

3a. Balances needs and rights of self and others

## Why It's Important

For your child to learn the concept of sharing and working cooperatively with other children, he must first be able to work and play near others using the same materials. Activities that require your child to use supplies that other children will be using will help him understand how to share a workspace and take turns with materials.

## Materials

Crayons without paper wrapping; thin paper; several leaves of varying shapes and sizes; large tray

## What You Do

1. Place the leaves and crayons in the tray. Keep the stack of paper close by.
2. Invite your child and one or two other children to make leaf rubbings at the table. Be sure to seat your child next to another child who is working on the same project.
3. Show your child how to place a leaf under the paper and rub the crayon over it on top of the paper.
4. Encourage him to try various leaf shapes and colors. Explain that the crayons and leaves go back in the tray when he finishes with them so that other children can use them.
5. If another child has a crayon that your child wants, explain that he will have a turn when the other child is finished. *I see that you want the red crayon that Summer is using. When she is finished with it, she will put it back in the tray. Then you can use it.*
6. When your child completes his leaf rubbings, have him put the supplies back in the tray. In order to promote sharing and cooperation during cleanup, make sure all the children participate.
7. Display the artwork together as a reminder of the shared experience.