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BARK RUBBING

It's usually possible to identify a tree just from its bark as each tree has a characteristic bark pattern.

If you take bark from a living tree it will die. Instead you can collect bark patterns by bark rubbing.

You will need:

- Wax crayons
- Paper (not too thick)

Place the paper on the bark. You can tape it in position. Rub the crayon smoothly across it, keeping all the strokes in one direction using the flattened side of the crayon. The pattern of ridges will be transferred to the paper. For an interesting result, use crayon and paper of contrasting colours

LEAF RUBBING

You will need:

- Sheets of paper
- Wax crayons
- Dead leaves

Place your leaf on a firm piece of card and put a strong piece of paper over it. Take a heel-ball or wax crayon and with thick strokes, go over the leaf. Try to keep all the strokes running in the same direction.

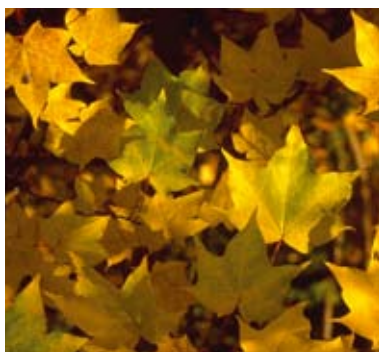
Choose a leaf that is dry and hard – a dead leaf that has fallen from its tree is a good choice because the veins and ribs will stand out better in your print.

Identify your bark and leaf rubbing and make a collection of them in a scrapbook.

Here are some books that will help you identify the bark and leaves:

The Clue Book Trees
by G Allen & J Denslow
(pub. Oxford)

Which Tree by P Forey
(pub. Hamlyn)



AUTUMN LEAVES

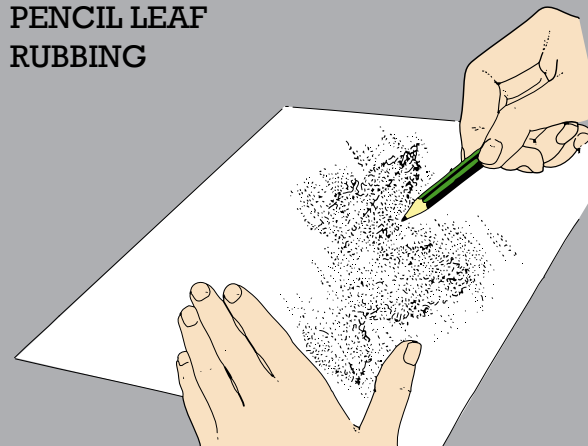


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