

Title: Autumn Leaf Collage

Subject Area: Art

Grade Level: K - 2nd Grade

Materials:

11 x 14 green construction paper  
8 x 10 red, yellow, orange and brown construction paper  
black markers  
pencils  
erasers  
scissors  
various leaf templates

NYS Standards:

1. Students will be able to create a collage of autumn leaves using leaf templates.
2. Students will be able to utilize and manipulate scissors, glue and templates.
3. Students will be able to recognize art vocabulary terms such as overlapping, positive and negative shape, warm colors, and organic shapes.
4. Students will be able to recognize and appreciate how the colors of the leaves change when we enter into autumn.

Motivation:

Begin by asking students what color leaves are. Proceed to ask them what happens to the leaves in autumn. Show the beautiful warm colors that leaves turn into in the fall. Explain that when the leaves turn into warm colors that they fall off the trees and onto the grass. Ask students what you do when leaves are on the grass. Explain that you rake them into piles. Tell students that for the project we will be making our own piles of leaves with construction paper.

Procedure:

1. Explain motivation and project to students.
2. Demonstrate how to use leaf templates. Have students make 4 of each size leaf (small, medium and large,) and in each color.
3. Have students trace the leaf templates onto the colored construction paper.

4. Have students use a black marker to make the veins on the leaves
5. Demonstrate how to use scissors to cut out the leaves and have students cut out their leaves.
6. Demonstrate to students how to glue and arrange their leaf collage. Make sure students glue the biggest leaves down first.
7. Once project is complete, have class critique.

**Evaluation:**

See attached rubric