

# Autumn Tree Collage

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Collage, Painting & Printmaking

## Objectives



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Learn how to draw a simplified tree shape

Paint with watercolors

Rip paper to simulate bark

Use foam stamps to create multiple images of leaves

Create leaf rubbings with crayons and real leaves

Combine all papers into a colorful collage

## Lesson Steps

Teacher Prep –

- Organize & order all supplies
- Xerox rubric

### Step 1 – TREE/SKY/GRASS

- Draw a tree shape onto the 12"x18" white paper with pencil.
- Add a horizon line.
- Paint the sky and grass with watercolors.
- Make sure to use lots of water so the paint doesn't get too opaque to see the tree.

### Step 2 – TREE TRUNK

- Tear brown construction paper into thin pieces (no thicker than your thumb.)
- Glue the "bark" inside the tree shape, starting with the roots and working your way up.

### Step 3 – LEAVES

- Create two pages of leaf rubbings with crayons and real leaves 9"x12" white papers.
- Create one page of stamped leaves with the tempera paint and foam stamps.

### Step 4 – COLLAGE

- Cut and glue leaves onto tree shape, starting with the tips of the branches.
- Overlapping will create a more realistic tree.
- For a special touch, you could have each child trace and cut out their handprint and use it as an extra leaf. ☺

## Materials

- White 12"x18" paper
- Pencils/erasers
- Watercolor paints
- 9x12 white paper (2 per student)
- Crayons
- Collection of real leaves
- Foam stamps  
([www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com))
- Tempera paints
- Glue
- Scissors



## Skill Development

**Processes:** drawing, painting, stamping, cutting, gluing

**Concepts:** overlapping, texture, printmaking, collage

## Resources:

### Web:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W32NMqafcy4>

**Book:** Autumn Leaves by Ken Robbins

**Extension Activity:** The Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert