

Monoprinting with leaves



List of Materials:

1. Lightweight cartridge paper or photocopy paper
2. Glue stick
3. Water based acrylic paint
4. Coloured tissue paper or foils from Easter eggs
5. Selection of leaves

List of Equipment:

1. Old Newspapers
2. Roller tray and sheet of plastic/perspex
3. DIY small foam roller
4. Sponge or rag

Step 1 : Create a Collage



1. Create a collage using tissue paper. Glue the tissue paper to a piece of photocopy or cartridge paper.

Prepare several sheets of collage. Experiment using different colours and shapes to create a selection of collages to use for printing.

Step 2 - Printing

1. Collect an assortment of leaves. Ideally pick your leaves just before printing. Choose an assortment of shapes and sizes and choose leaves that have prominent veins.
2. Prepare your print space. Use old newspapers to cover your table and print area.
3. Use a small paint tray and pour a little paint in to the deep section of your tray.
4. If you have a large piece of plastic/perspex you can use this surface to ink your leaves, however if you don't have this you can simply use newspaper.
5. Using a small mini foam roller, slowly roll your roller back and forth into the paint. Use the raised area on your tray (as shown in the video) to remove excess paint by rolling your roller back and forth several times until you have a thin covering of paint. Excess

paint will cause your print to be heavy and you will lose the fine pattern and detail of the leaf.

6. Place a leaf on to the Perspex or newspaper making sure the veins are facing upwards. Carefully roller over the leaf covering the surface with an even layer of paint.
7. Place your leaf (ink side facing up) on to a clean piece of photocopy paper. Carefully place your collage sheet (collage side facing down) on top of your inked leaf. Carefully press the back of the paper on to the leaf and put pressure whilst gently rubbing. Be careful not to let the paper move and cause the print to smudge.
8. Carefully lift your collage sheet and remove the leaf to reveal your print.
9. Continue printing a range of leaves to create beautiful prints!



Enjoy experimenting with different leaves and colours to create a range of beautiful and unique prints....have fun and enjoy!