

Geauga Park District Nature Craft #8

Leaf Stamping!



You will need:

- *Paints*
- *Paintbrush*
- *Paper Towel*
- *A surface to paint*
- *Leaves & flowers*



1. Determine what surface you want to stamp leaves on; you may want to paint a background color over a plain canvas or cardboard surface.
2. Paint the backside of a leaf with a light coating of paint. Brush off any excess, as too much paint will not make a clean print. It can be helpful to leave a stem attached to use as a handle.
3. Place the leaf on your surface. Gently tap into place, and cover with a paper towel.
4. Rub the paper towel on top of the leaf to help stamp it.



5. Remove the paper towel and gently remove the leaf.
6. Continue painting and stamping leaves as desired.



7. Add a touch of color by using a flower with the same technique. Note: flower petals are much more fragile than leaves, so you may need to paint and stamp each petal.



8. Once dry, you can further embellish your design with additional stenciling, ribbon or decorations.