Making Leaf and Bark Rubbings

What You Need:

- Trees
- Plain white paper and crayons with label removed
- Masking tape (optional)
- Cardboard or clipboard
- Paper bag for collecting leaves
- **1.** Take some blank paper, masking tape (optional), and crayons outside. Look for several trees with different types of bark and leaves.
- **2.** Close your eyes and feel the bark of the trees. How does it feel? Which one is the smoothest? The roughest?
- **3.** Use tape to hold a piece of paper on the trunk or hold the paper tightly. Lightly rub a crayon horizontally over the surface of the paper on the bark, just hard enough so that the bark's texture shows on the paper. Do this to other trees and compare the rubbings.
- **4.** Collect some leaves from different trees. Close your eyes and feel the leaves. How do they feel? Make leaf rubbings by _____ putting the leaf on a piece of cardboard or a clipboard, covering it with the paper, and rubbing the crayon over it.
- Once you've made several leaf and bark rubbings, play a matching game with them. Mix them up and see if you can figure out which tree each leaf and bark rubbing came from.



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