

# Leaf Placemats

## *Option 1: Wax Paper Leaf Placemat*



### Skills:

Counting, measuring, cutting

### Materials:

Leaves (try to find colorful leaves that are still on the tree and are not wet)

Wax paper

Old t-shirt

Iron

### Directions:

1. To make one placemat, gather 5-10 leaves.
2. Measure the wax paper. You need two pieces of wax paper that are each 12 inches x 18 inches.
3. Cut two pieces of wax paper.
4. Put leaves on one piece of wax paper in any design that you wish.

5. Cover with another piece of wax paper.
6. Cover placemat with an old t-shirt.
7. Iron the placemat until the wax paper melts, about 2 minutes.
8. To make multiple placemats, repeat the previous steps.
9. Enjoy!

#### Option 2: Leaf Rubbing Placemat



Skills:

Coloring

Materials:

Leaves (not too dry)

Crayons

8 ½ x 11 inch white paper

Contact paper (optional)

Directions:

1. Collect leaves.
2. Select crayons in fall colors.
3. Remove paper wrappers from crayons.
4. Place the leaves under the paper.

5. Use the side of the crayon to color over one leaf.
6. Choose another color and use the side of the crayon to color over the next leaf.
7. Repeat until your placemat is full.
8. If you want to “lamine” your placemat, use contact paper to cover the paper. Leave a small border and cut around the placemat.
9. To make additional placemats, go back to step 4 and repeat.
10. Enjoy!

Recommended reading: Fletcher and the Falling Leaves

