

Leaf Printing

Materials:

Cotton clothing

Newspaper

Magazines (to lean on)

Cardboard

Gloves (optional but good for kiddos)

Soft Scrub Bleach

Paint Brushes

Something to act as a stamp (we used leaves)

Instructions:

Lay newspaper out on a flat workspace to make for an easy clean up. Make sure any clothes you are going to print are clean before this project. Place a magazine inside of the garment you plan to print on, so that bleach doesn't seem through to the other side. Pour Soft Scrub into a bowl or cup; liquid bleach is not recommended as sometimes it can damage the fabric, harsher on skin, and you will most likely end up with stray drops of bleach on whatever you're printing. If you only have liquid bleach and are going to do the project anyway, I recommend to only use it on thicker cotton and denim.

Next, take your stamp and paint the Soft Scrub onto it generously, but make sure there are no globs. Do not do this ahead of time, if the bleach dries before you press, it will not work. Once your stamp is painted, lay it bleach side down onto your fabric and press down

with a piece of cardboard for 60 seconds. When you lift the press, your stamp will be bleached onto your fabric!

Allow fabric to dry for at least 15-30 minutes (but up to 24 hours) before moving your project. Wash all of your printed garments together according to their normal washing instructions, and viola!