

Tree Identification Lesson: Activity

Go into your backyard (or go for a short walk in your neighborhood), look at the trees, and see how many of these leaves you can identify. And the next time you are in the woods, observe the trees around you, and see if you can identify any of them based on what you have learned here.

Go out and collect different kinds of leaves, bring them home, and try to identify them. But make sure that you do not collect any poisonous leaves such as poison ivy!

If you want to get creative, use the leaves you collected to make a leaf rubbing.

Here is what you will need: A white piece of paper, crayons, leaves, and a flat hard surface.

Lay your leaves on a flat hard surface (such as a table), and then lay a white piece of paper on top of the leaf or leaves. Use a crayon, and rub it gently horizontally across the white piece of paper. The outline of the leaf will soon be visible on the white piece of paper. After the picture of the leaf emerges, label what type of leaf it is.

It's a fun activity, and I am excited to see your leaf rubbings at next week's lesson!

Next week, we will talk about some of the leaves you collected and the trees you identified.