

## Pastel Fall Leaves



This project is a nice way to record the beautiful colors of Autumn and see how powerfully the complementary colors of blue and orange work together!

### Supplies:

A brightly colored fall leaf  
Soft Pastels  
Blue pastel or construction paper  
Kneaded eraser  
Blending stump or cotton swab

### Directions:

1. Lay one or more colorful fall leaves out on the table in front of you.
2. Sketch each leaf: Using a yellow pastel, sketch the leaf onto the pastel paper.
  - a. First, draw a line that goes from the bottom of the stem to the top of center of the leaf.
  - b. Second, draw the veins that branch off the stem.
  - c. Third, draw the shape of the leaf around these lines.
3. Render the leaf:
  - a. First, carefully color in the whole leaf with a yellow pastel. Smudge this neatly with the blending stump or cotton swab.
  - b. Second, add red, orange, brown or green (depending on your leaf) to areas where these colors are and neatly smudge.
  - c. Third, add bold strokes of the above colors to the most striking parts of the leaf and **DO NOT SMUDGE**.
  - d. Fourth, draw a THIN outline of dark brown around the leaf.
4. Clean up any extra smudges around the leaf with the kneaded eraser.

FALL LEAF PROJECT (SKETCHES)

