

## Title: Fall Leaves

### Grade Level: K-5

**Objective:** Students will use bleeding tissue paper and crayon resist techniques to create a watercolorlike image of fall leaves.



## Lesson Plan

**Materials:** bleeding tissue paper/water color paint, crayons/oil pastels, colored pencils, watercolor paper, paintbrushes and cups of water.

**Opening Activity:** As the trees get ready to hibernate through the winter, their leaves lose the bright green pigment of chlorophyll and other WARM COLOR pigments in tree leaves can be see shining through: reds, yellows, orange... and eventually BROWN.

Learn more in this video: <https://youtu.be/UuTrDnzmMxY>

### Core Activity:

- Distribute the handout, watercolor paper, crayons have members draw autumn leaves from their imagination or the handout.
- Distribute water cups and watercolor paint or bleeding tissue paper. Instruct members to use WARM colors (reds, oranges, yellows) in the leaves, and cool colors (blues, purples, blue-green) for the background.
- If using bleeding tissue paper, have members rip off small pieces, dip in the water and place on their paper, the color will bleed out onto the page.

**Reflection:** As students clean and reset the space, ask them to share their thoughts on the changing of the seasons. Do they like the cooler weather, longer nights of autumn and winter? Why or why not?