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Leaf Tracing

**Creature Crafting
Activity Guide**

Introduction:

Trees are everywhere and are very important for both humans and all types of animals. There are more than 60,000 different tree species worldwide, trees can normally be grouped into two groups: Deciduous and Coniferous. Now, don't let those big words confuse you, it is easy to tell them apart. Deciduous trees change color and lose their leaves in the fall, while coniferous trees have needle like leaves and stay green all year around.



Supplies:

- o Leaves (Deciduous)
- o Crayons
- o White paper

How to:

1. First, you will need some leaves. You can find leaves everywhere! Go outside and grab some leaves that have fallen from a deciduous tree.
2. Feel both sides of your leaf. One side should smoother and look shiny, the other side you should be able to feel the veins on the leaf and it will not be shiny.
3. You want the veiny side of the leaf UP and the shiny side DOWN
4. Place your white paper over the leaf and with your crayon start color over your leaf
 - o TIP: Use a side-to-side motion with your crayon at a slight angle.
5. Make sure you color the entire leaf, and you are done!
6. Use your leaf traces to make birthday or thank you cards, a nice gift for friends and family, or to make a nature journal.

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- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- National Geographic Channel
- The Nature Conservancy
- USDA Forest Service
- National Park Service
- National Wildlife Federation
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- National Wildlife Federation
- Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
- Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
- Texas Parks and Wildlife