



# Autumn Leaf Animal Collages

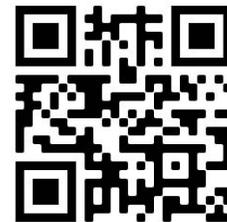
## How Can I Use This In My Lesson Plan?

Making Autumn Leaf Animal Collages is the perfect way to explore colorful fall leaves through art. Since collecting fall leaves is the perfect foundation for numerous lesson plans and activities for all ages—like exploring why leaves change their color—this activity can easily be expanded for more fall fun! For older children, leaf-focused outdoor science explorations, and STEAM activities like this one, are a wonderful way to reinforce lessons on the scientific method as you work as a classroom to hypothesize, predict, and observe why leaves change in the fall and record those results in creative ways like journaling or arts and crafts activities! On the other hand, infants and toddlers are just discovering what makes fall special and different from the rest of the year. They look at changing leaves with a sense of wonder and curiosity, which provides you with a number of opportunities to engage infants and toddlers with developmentally appropriate fall activities such as fall-themed sensory explorations and story times. Why leaves change their color might be rooted in science, but that doesn't mean you're limited in your classroom to only science learning!

## Required Materials:

- Colorful Autumn Leaves
- Tape
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Pen or Marker

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## 1. Gather Your Materials

Send children outside to collect colorful fall leaves! Encourage them to pick up leaves of all sizes, shapes, and colors for their unique masterpieces.

## 2. Create Your Collage

Have children pick their favorite leaves from their collection and help them cut up, arrange, and tape down the leaves they've chosen to create fun animal shapes.

## 3. Bring Your Collages To Life!

Encourage children to get creative and use their imaginations to transform their leaf collages into animal friends. For example, if the leaves you've arranged look like wings, draw a friendly face and antennae to make a colorful fall butterfly.

