

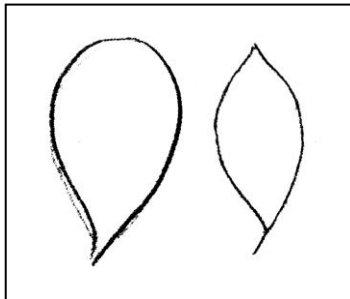
## Fanciful Leaves

This is an easy and meditative art project. The leaves can be drawn in many shapes and sizes. There is no wrong leaf shape. Add colours and doodle to your heart's content.



### What You Will Need

- Sketchbook or watercolour paper
- Pencil & thin black marker
- Watercolour paints
- Container of water for cleaning brushes
- Round paintbrush
- Newspaper or plastic table cloth for working area



### Sample Leaf Styles

Leaves come in many shapes and sizes. You can draw leaves with pointed or round tips. They can also be long and slender, or have offshoots like a maple leaf or oak leaf.

With a pencil, draw on your paper a whole sheet full of leaves. Turn the paper and draw leaves in different directions. This is important to do as it

makes the painting more interesting.



### Two Sample Sheets

Here are two sample sheets you can use to draw your leaves. The first sheet has one leaf shape drawn many times, and the second sheet has a variety of leaf styles.



### Start Painting

Watercolour is mentioned in the materials list, but this project can also be done with coloured pencils or paint. Whatever you find handy will work, even a combination of colouring items.

Colour each leaf with different colours. Clean your brush between colours. Do not put the same colour leaf side by side.

**Figure 1**



**Next Steps**

Once you have coloured in all the leaves (Figure 1), whether you have used watercolours, pencils or paint, you should add a little depth to your leaves.

To add depth, apply a second coat of the same colour to a portion of the leaf as seen in Figure 2. See how the leaves just pop out from the background.

The final step is the most fun, where you will make your leaves dance with fanciful doodling.

**Figure 2**



Use a thin black sharpie or marker for your doodling (Figure 3). You can add any decorations to the leaves: dots, lines, circles or zigzags.

Add these fanciful doodles to the half of every leaf or cover the entire leaf with your doodles. Do this to every leaf. Anything that appeals to your imagination will work.

Note: If you do not have a thin marker to make your doodles, use a sharpened black coloured pencil or a regular pencil instead.

Have fun!

**Figure 3**

