

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to create a colorful painting of autumn leaves, exploring different colors and shapes while developing fine motor skills and creativity.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper (preferably thick or watercolor paper)
- Non-toxic paint (red, orange, yellow, brown)
- Paintbrushes (or fingers for finger painting)
- Paper towels for clean-up
- Water for rinsing brushes (if using brushes)

Before the lesson, set up a painting area with newspapers or a plastic sheet to protect surfaces. Make sure the paints are easily accessible and that the student understands the importance of not eating the paint.

## Activities

- **Color Exploration:**

Start by showing the student the different colors of paint. Encourage them to name the colors and talk about what they see in nature during autumn. Ask questions like, "What color do you see on the leaves?"

- **Leaf Stamping:**

Introduce the idea of leaf stamping. If you have real leaves, show them how to dip the leaf in paint and press it onto the paper. If not, they can paint the shape of a leaf with their brush or fingers.

- **Free Painting:**

Allow the student to freely paint their own interpretation of autumn leaves. Encourage them to mix colors and create different shades. This is a great time for them to express their creativity!

- **Clean-Up Time:**

After painting, involve the student in cleaning up. Teach them to wipe their brushes and put everything back in its place. Make it fun by singing a clean-up song!

## Talking Points

- "Look at all these pretty colors! What color do you like best?"
- "Can you see how the leaves change color in autumn? Let's make some beautiful leaves!"
- "Feel the paint! Is it smooth or bumpy? Let's make it colorful!"
- "Great job! Now let's press the leaf on the paper. Can you see the shape?"
- "Let's mix the colors! What happens when we mix red and yellow?"
- "Wow, look at your painting! You made it so colorful!"
- "Time to clean up! Can you help me put everything back? Let's sing a song!"