

# Tree Collage

A fun way to get outdoors and create art from what you find in your own neighborhood.



## What to do...

Grab a paper bag and head outside for a nature walk. Encourage your child to take a close look at the trees in your neighborhood or right in your own yard. Draw your child's attention to all of the different kinds of trees. Draw their attention to the different sizes and shapes and the many types of leaves and bark. Ask them to collect a few leaves to bring home. Help your child gather paper, a glue stick, and some colored pencils, markers, or crayons. Ask your child to think about the trees they saw on the walk and draw a trunk and some branches on their paper. Next, they can paste the leaves they collected onto their tree with the glue stick. They can add details like the sun, flowers, grass, or animals they saw on the walk. This is a great activity to do now, at the beginning of Fall, and again later when the leaves begin to change colors.

## To Learn More...

[Deciduous Tree Facts for Kids](#)

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