

Leaf Impression

Materials

- Fern leaves
- Paint (dark green or rusty red)
- Wide brush
- Sand
- Glue
- White poster board

Procedure

1. Give each student a 25 cm (9.8 in) square piece of poster board and a fern leaf. Explain that the fern is a living fossil.
2. Have the students paint their leaf with a wide paintbrush; dab off excess paint on a paper towel.
3. Place the leaf in the centre of the paper and place a piece of paper towel over top.
4. Press down on the paper towel to leave a paint impression of the leaf.
5. Carefully remove the leaf and allow the paint to dry.
6. Once dry, apply glue around the border and sprinkle with sand to make a frame.

