

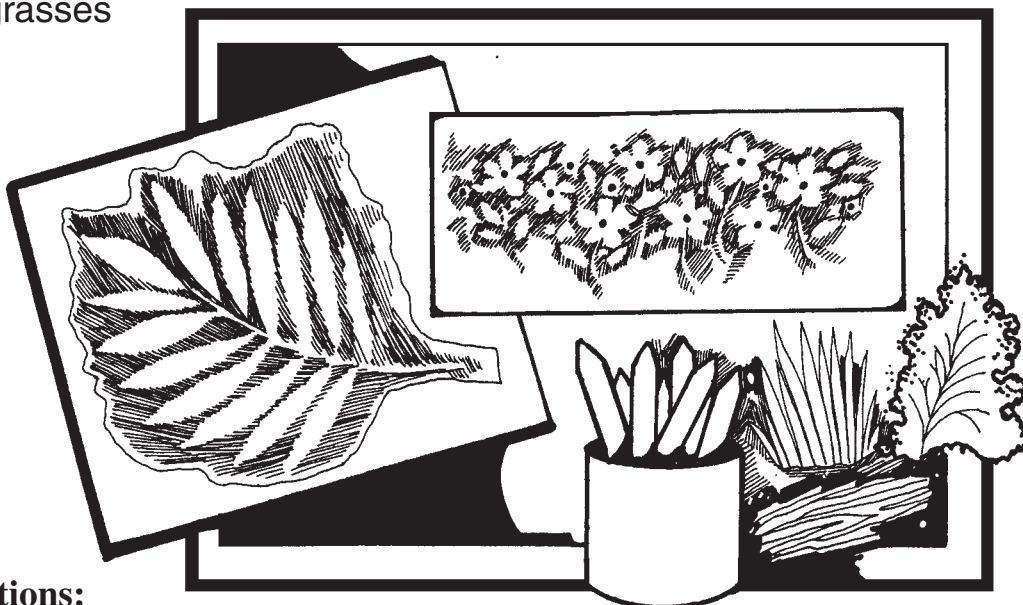
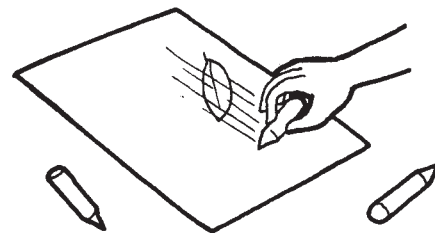
# Leaf Rubbings

Leaf rubbings make beautiful autumn decorations. They have the added advantage of not drying up and crumbling the way real autumn leaves do. Plan to make several because each one will be unique.

To make a leaf rubbing, follow the directions below.

## Materials:

- drawing paper: white works the best
- crayons: old ones without wrappers
- a variety of leaves and other plant materials such as weeds and dried grasses



## Directions:

1. Lay down a sheet of paper and arrange your leaves and other plant materials on it. Experiment with moving them around until you find an arrangement you like.
2. Carefully place another sheet of paper on top of your leaf arrangement.
3. Hold on to the papers so they don't slip, and, using the side of a crayon, rub it across the top paper until the shapes of the leaves start to show. Continue to rub until you get the effect you want.
4. You can vary the effect by changing crayons to a different color and by moving the arrangement around then repeating the coloring process.

**Note:** Autumn colors such as brown, orange, yellow, and red make effective rubbings. Mount your finished product on a sheet of construction paper in a color that sets the rubbing off to its best advantage.