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Hapa Zome: Leaf-Bashing prints

A fun, natural way to make your own colourful leaf prints.



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Preparation

Considering environmental impact, collect some natural materials responsibly. Moisture in the plant material is important. **Leaves, ferns, grass** and some **flowers** work very well.

You'll need a firm, flat surface to place the items on, which can withstand hammering – a wooden **slice**, chopping **board** or flat **stone** is ideal.

The material used for the print needs to be absorbent. Natural, untreated fibres such as **cotton**, thicker **paper** or even wooden **discs** can be used.

For bashing, use a heavy flat-faced implement such as a **hammer, mallet** or round **cobble**. Small hammers work particularly well.



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Step 1

Place your natural materials onto a flat, preferably smooth, surface.



Step 2

Cover them with the fabric or paper. Try to keep everything in the same position while you work so you achieve a clear print.



Step 3

Keeping the hammer head as flat as possible, gently tap all over until the colour of the plant starts to come through. The aim is to crush the plant to release the moisture holding the colours.

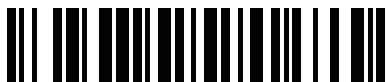
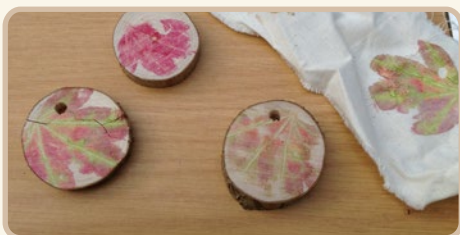


Step 4

Once the natural colours have stained the material, you can either peel off the plant or leave it.

Take it further

- Try different materials, such as wooden discs, to make inspiring decorations.
- Cut your prints out to make a tree collage.
- Cut into shapes and make bunting or flags.



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