

Acorn Artwork

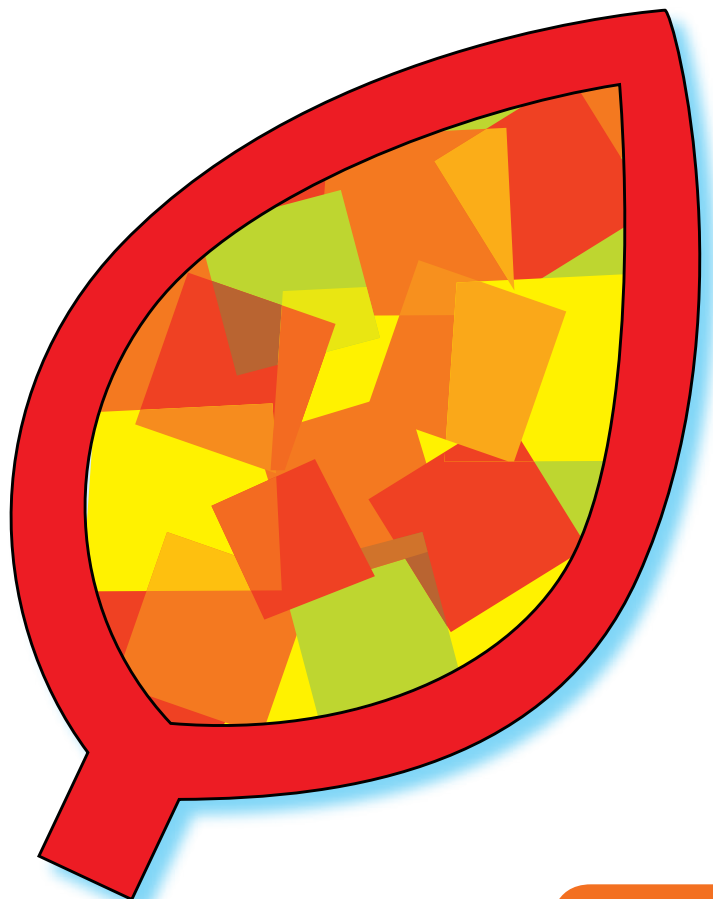
Display these giant acorns around your classroom to welcome autumn! For each child, cut out a dark brown construction paper acorn, light brown construction paper acorn cap, and two construction paper leaves in fall colors (see illustration). Have a child dip a small rectangular sponge into brown paint and make prints on her acorn cap. When the paint is dry, have her glue the cap, acorn, and leaves onto a sheet of yellow construction paper. Then have the child use a brown marker to add stems to the leaves. Now, watch out for squirrels!

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Falling for Leaves

Have youngsters create colorful fall foliage to hang in front of a sunny window. To make one leaf, fold a piece of red, yellow, brown, or orange construction paper in half. Cut out one half of a simple, symmetrical leaf shape, starting at the fold. Then cut out the center of this shape, leaving an outline about 1/2 inch wide. Unfold the outline; then lay it on a slightly larger piece of waxed paper. Drizzle a generous amount of glue along the shape's outline and in the center of the waxed paper. Press tissue-paper squares onto the glue. When the glue is dry, peel the leaf off the waxed paper. Trim around the leaf's edges. Hang the leaf in front of a window.

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Slithering Snakes!

These colorful reptiles make great craft projects anytime! To make one, use bingo markers to paint different-colored circles on both sides of a paper plate. Starting along the outside rim of the plate, cut a spiral, leaving an oval shape at the center of the plate for the snake's head. Glue construction paper eyes onto the snake. Punch a hole at either tip of the snake; then tie on a length of string for hanging from the ceiling.

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Buzz Around Bugs

Studying shapes? Start with circles and make these friendly and colorful circle bugs! To make a bug, each child needs four different sizes of colorful construction paper circles: two of the smallest size for the bug's eyes, one of the next larger size for the bug's head, two of the next larger size for the bug's midsection, and two of the largest circles for the bug's wings. Each child also needs two small dot stickers and crayons. Have each child assemble a bug by gluing the circles together as shown, folding the two largest circles in half before gluing them in place for wings. Have her complete the bug by putting the dot stickers on the eyes and coloring details on the bug's wings and body. Look at that colorful bug! How many circles can you find?



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