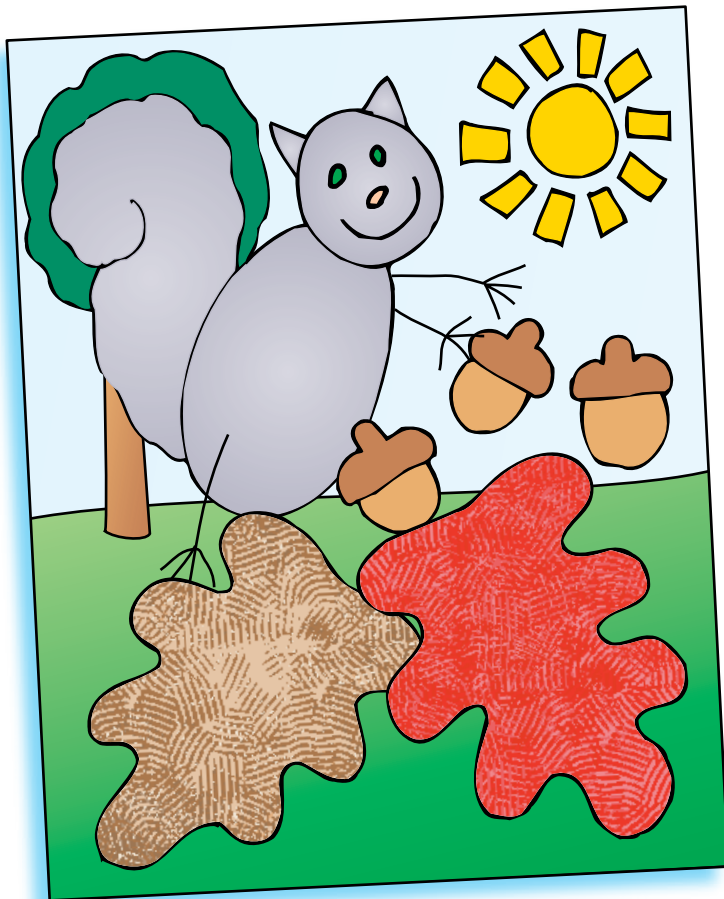
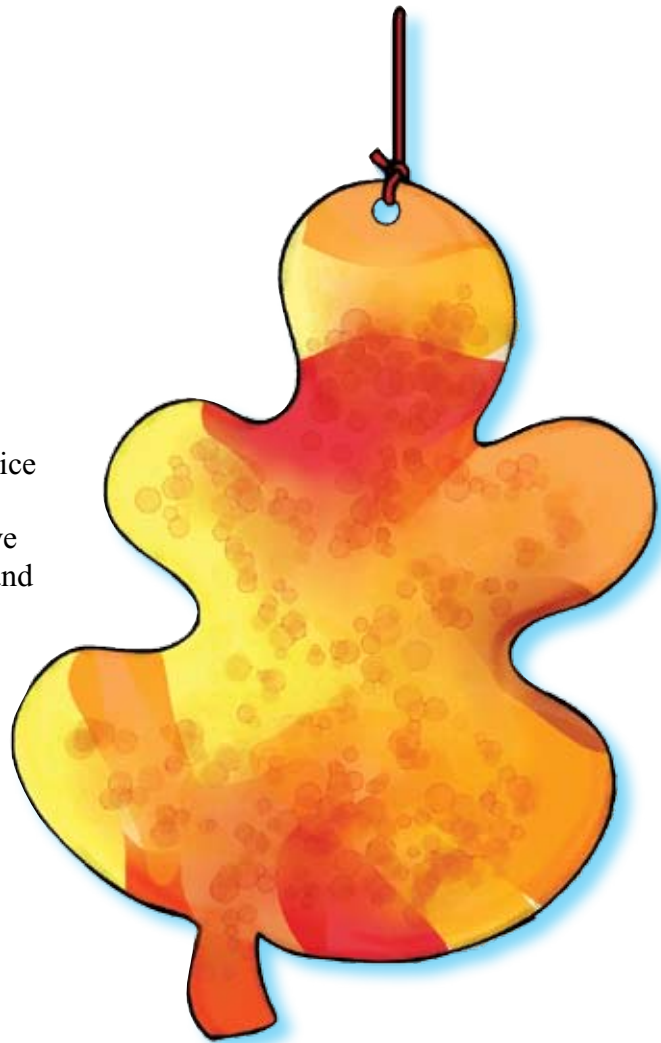




Leaf Suncatcher

Add some whimsy to your windows with this fall project! For each child, lay a piece of clear Con-Tact covering sticky side up on a tabletop. Have each youngster add small pieces of torn tissue paper in fall colors to the covering. Then squirt the paper once or twice with a spray bottle of water to make the tissue colors blend. Once the projects are dry, laminate them and have each child trace a leaf shape onto her laminated paper and cut along the outline. Punch a hole at the top; then use string to hang the suncatcher in a window.

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Jack Frost Magic

This magical art project will turn any frosty frowns upside down! Make the Jack Frost solution by combining one cup of Epsom salt and one cup of water. Bring the mixture to a boil; then let it cool just slightly. Then instruct children to cut out leaves from construction paper. Invite youngsters to paint their leaves with the warm Jack Frost solution, then let the leaves dry overnight. The next day, encourage each child to use other art supplies to create a fall scene on a large sheet of paper. Have him add the finishing touches by gluing on his frosted leaves. Display the finished projects on a board titled “Jack Frost Magic!”

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Bees to Behold!

Youngsters will make a beeline to create these cute critters! To make one, paint the back of a small paper plate bright yellow. When the yellow paint is dry, paint on black stripes, plus a curved line for the bee's head. When the black paint is dry, glue two waxed paper wings on top of the bee's body. Then glue a black construction paper stinger to the underside of the bee's body. Complete the bee by gluing on two black construction paper eyes.

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Snazzy Snails

Invite your youngsters to make these cute little creatures to decorate a bulletin board or windowsill.

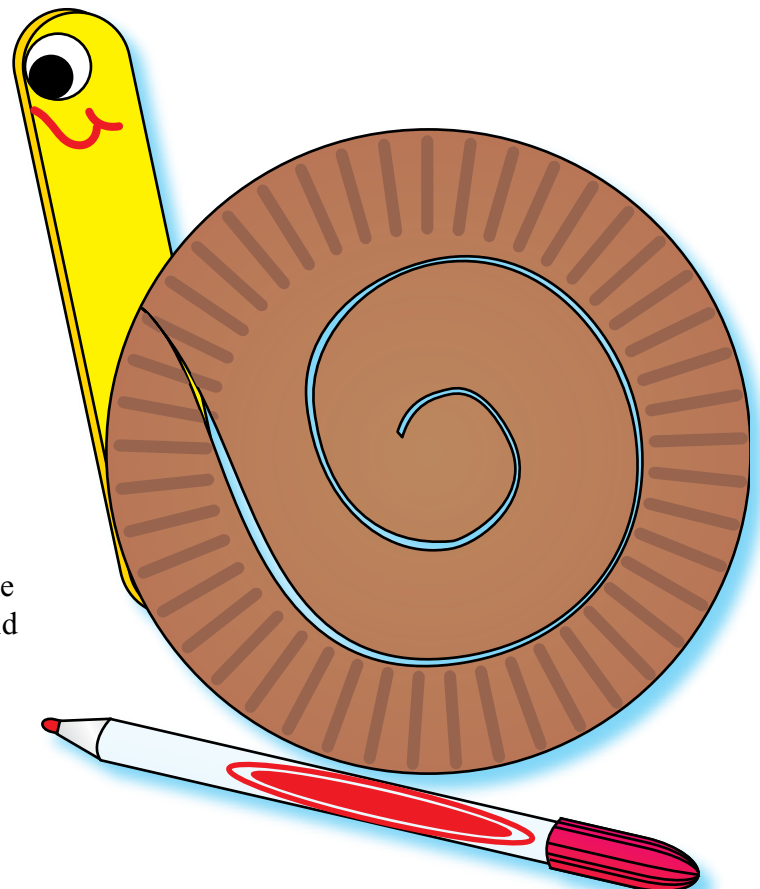
Materials for one:

1 small paper plate
brown and yellow tempera paint
paintbrushes
1 large craft stick or wooden spoon
one 10 mm wiggle-eye sticker

scissors
glue
red marker

To make one:

1. Paint the front of the paper plate brown.
2. Paint one side of the craft stick yellow.
3. After the paint dries, cut a one-inch spiral into the plate. (You may want to draw the line for the child to follow.)
4. Glue the two cut edges of the plate to cover half of the craft stick.
5. Attach the wiggle-eye sticker to the other end of the craft stick.
6. Draw on a smile.



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