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Crafty Ideas: Concentric Leaf Patterns

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A display of the concentric patterns found in a variety of autumn leaves.


Children enjoy working with found materials and leaves are no exception. This activity helps children to develop their understanding of concentric patterns in a very practical hands-on way.

You will need:

- Different sizes of the same shaped leaves
- PVA glue
- Watercolour paper
- Card

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Use as part of themed work on autumn, trees or to support numeracy work linked with number and shape.

Make

- ➔ Introduce the term concentric to the children. Check they understand that it means that one shape must fit inside the other.
- ➔ Provide or ask children to collect a set of leaves of different sizes that are the same type, in order to make a concentric leaf pattern.
- ➔ Start with the biggest leaf and glue it to the card. Find a slightly smaller, different-coloured leaf that fits inside it and continue to build the pattern until all the leaves have been used.

Display

Mount the cards onto different coloured backing paper to give a sense of framing, or use the collages to decorate home-made greetings cards.

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