



AUTUMN'S PALETTE

When fall comes and the leaves start turning beautiful colors, look around you with the eyes of an artist. Take a walk and make drawings, take pictures, or just enjoy the lovely view.

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Keep a Record!

Date _____ Time _____
Location _____ Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along

- Sketch pad or clipboard
- Camera
- Crayons/colored pencils/watercolors

1. Pick up some fallen leaves and see if you can match them to the trees they came from. (Look for more of the same kind of leaf still attached to the tree.)
2. In the boxes below, sketch some of the different leaf shapes you find.

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3. Fall leaves come in many colors. Line up the leaves you find in a spectrum from green to yellow to orange to red to brown. Try to arrange them so there's just a small amount of color change between each leaf and its neighbor. Then, using your crayons, colored pencils, or watercolors, color each box below in a shade that matches one of your leaves.

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4. Pick one of your favorite leaves and make a rubbing on the back of this page or on a blank sheet of paper. Here's how: Lay the leaf on a flat surface with the veins facing up. Lay the paper on top of the leaf. Then rub the side of a crayon (or several different crayons) over the paper. Be sure to rub everywhere the leaf is. The shape and pattern of the leaf will magically appear!

