
Leaf Art

Description:

Students will create three-dimensional pieces of art made from leaves, inspired by Kimberly Ritchie's works *Extrude* and *Dangle*.

Materials:

Your choice! (and leaves), computer with access to the internet

Procedure:

Part 1 (optional): Show [this read aloud video](#) of *Look What I Did with a Leaf!* By Morteza E. Sohi. This book is most appropriate for children in the lower grades and can be used to support the discussion in Part 2.

Part 2: Show students Ritchie's *Extrude* and *Dangle* under the [Undiscovered](#) section of the online exhibit [Endangered, Invasive, and Undiscovered \(Species\)](#). Lead a discussion about these works. Some questions to ask include:

- What do you notice about each of these works?
- What materials could they be made of?
- How might they have been constructed?
- How could you make your own version of Ritchie's piece(s)?

Part 3: Once you have ideas about how to create your own work(s), make a list of the materials you'll need to collect. Perhaps you only want red leaves, or you want your piece to stand outward and will use sticks to accomplish this. Collect your materials.

Part 4: Use your materials to construct your piece. Install it where you and others can enjoy it!