DRAW AND MAKE YOUR OWN HERBARIUM

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STEP 1 Collect fallen tree leaves, dry them and then press them for a week between paper towels or newspaper under a stack of books.

STEP 2 Tape the leaves onto white sheets of paper. Write down the date and place where you found each one. Take a close look at the details: the leaves’ veins, textures, margins and spots.

STEP 3 Draw your own interpretation of the actual leaves you collected, changing their colours and adding any details you wish.

STEP 4 Paint white sheets of paper with a colour base. Next, add dots, lines, and blotches to create your painted papers. Cut out shapes based on the leaves you collected.

STEP 5 Tape the painted cut-outs onto a white sheet of paper, as you did with the original leaves, and write down the place where you imagine these new leaves may have grown.

STEP 6 On the same sheet of paper, combine a few collected leaves and painted cut-outs, attaching them with adhesive tape.

On the next page you will find a sheet to use as a template for your herbarium.