

September Activity Idea: Leaf Sorting & Color Matching



Materials Needed:

- A variety of autumn leaves (different colors, sizes, and shapes)
- Small baskets or trays for sorting
- Paint chips or fabric swatches in autumn tones
- Paper and crayons for rubbings

Steps:

1. Invite children to collect or choose leaves for the activity.
2. Encourage them to **sort by color, size, or shape** using the baskets.
3. Provide **paint chips or fabric swatches** and let children match the leaves to the closest color—turning it into a fun matching challenge.
4. Extend the activity by making **leaf rubbings**: place a leaf under paper and use crayons to reveal its shape and texture.

Montessori Skills Developed:

- **Observation & Classification** 🌿 – Children learn to notice fine details and group objects logically.
- **Sensorial Development** 🎨 – Matching colors refines visual discrimination.
- **Creativity & Expression** 🖍️ – Leaf rubbings allow exploration through art.

- **Connection to Nature** 🍁 – Builds appreciation for seasonal changes and the natural world.

👉 *This simple yet rich activity brings together science, art, and sensorial exploration, perfectly aligning with Montessori principles for hands-on, meaningful learning.*