



Warm/Cool Leaf

STEPS:

- 1 Give students a piece of drawing paper
- 2 Show students how to draw a leaf. You can use a chart on our curated [Pinterest page](#)
- 3 Discuss the color wheel and talk about warm (red, yellow, orange) and cool (blue, purple, green) colors.
- 4 Divide the leaf into sections and blend warm and cool colors together inside of opposite sections.

Materials:

- Paper
- oil pastels

Note: This project gets a "2" rating because it requires teaching how to draw a form (the leaf) and color theory (warm/cool color). This project should take about 40 minutes.

Project Short Cuts and Do Aheads

- 1 Cover the tables with newsprint or other paper before you start for easier clean up.
- 2 You can give students a stencil or actual leaf to trace, to cut time out from teaching.
- 3 Limit the size of the paper to better control how much time you spend on this project.

Watch Out For...

- 1 Avoid mud: Do not give students black or brown oil pastels unless they ask for it (and can use it intentionally).
- 2 To blend, rub the different colors together. You can also use a finger, rolled up paper, or white oil pastel to blend.
- 3 Use a heavy-hand (press hard) with the oil pastel so the colors will mix together
- 4 Give students wet wipes for cleaning their hands to avoid long lines at the sink.