10 Arbor Day Tree Crafts
Celebrate trees with these simple crafts with everyday, at-home items!

**LEAF STAMP ART**
**Supplies:** Leaves, paper, paint, paintbrushes
1. Explore outside and select leaves for your project.
2. With a paintbrush, paint leaves in any color or pattern.
3. Place the side with wet paint onto your white paper to create your design.

**LEAF SUNCATCHERS**
**Supplies:** Leaves, crayons, mini grater, wax paper, iron, old dishcloths
1. Explore outside and select leaves for your suncatcher shape.
2. Remove paper from crayons and grate crayons over pieces of wax paper with a mini grater. Use enough shavings to cover the area and experiment with colors!
3. Place a second sheet of wax paper over the crayon shavings.
4. Secure an old dishcloth under and on top of both pieces of wax paper (to protect your table and iron), and gently iron over them. The wax paper and crayon shavings melt together.
5. Trace the leaves on the wax paper and cut out the shapes. Place them on the window with double-sided tape.

**LEAF ANIMALS**
**Supplies:** Leaves, markers, glue, paper
1. Collect a variety of leaves, sticks, seeds.
2. Use your imagination to create an animal of your choice. Larger leaves can be used for the body and smaller ones make great ears. You can use small twigs for legs or narrow leaves. Add any embellishments with markers or googley eyes.

**BUBBLE WRAP BLOSSOM TREE ART**
**Supplies:** Paper, paint, paintbrush, bubble wrap, scissors
1. Paint a tree shape with a trunk and branches on your paper.
2. Cut out a small amount of bubble wrap that is workable for your child.
3. Using a paint brush, paint the individual bubbles.
4. Turn the bubble wrap over, place it onto the tree and press down firmly.
5. Remove the bubble wrap to reveal the print. Repeat and layer until the tree is covered with blossoms.

**LEAF SCRATCH ART**
**Supplies:** Leaves, white poster board, crayons, scissors, paint, dish soap, paperclip
1. With your selected leaves, trace each leaf outline onto white poster board. Then cut out the leaf shape.
2. Color the entire leaf with crayon. Press hard over the whole surface!
3. On a plate, mix together one part dish soap to three parts paint. Apply one to two coats of paint mixture over the colored leaf. Allow to dry completely.
4. Use a straightened paper clip to scratch designs into the leaves.

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SIMPLE TREE

**Supplies:** Toilet paper roll, construction paper/card stock, paint/crayons

1. Cut the paper into the shape of the tree canopy; draw and decorate!
2. Paint or color toilet paper roll. Once dried, cut 2 slits down, across from each other. Insert the tree top into those slits.

BARK OR LEAF RUBBING

**Supplies:** Crayons, Paper, Interesting Tree

1. Remove any outer packaging from crayon. You will need the long edge (not the pointed tip usually used for writing).
2. Select an interesting tree or leaf.
3. Hold the paper against the bark (or over a leaf on a firm surface) and then rub the paper with the long edge of the crayon. Repeat with different trees or leaves to compare their texture.

STICK ART

**Supplies:** Stick(s), glue, paper, crayons/markers/pencils

1. Find a stick (or more than one) that can be used as the focal point of a piece of artwork.
2. Imagine how the stick(s) could be used in a drawing or painting.
3. Attach stick(s) to paper or cardboard with glue and create your masterpiece!

LEARNING STICK OR MAGIC WAND

**Supplies:** Stick(s), yarn, beads, sequins, pipe cleaners, or other decorative items

1. Find a special or interesting stick.
2. Decorate with markers, yarn, twine, beads, and sequins.
3. Cast a spell, make some magic, and have fun!

HAND PRINT TREE

**Supplies:** Paper towel roll, construction paper or cardstock, scissors, paper plate, glue, crayons/markers/pencils

1. Paint or color paper plate and set aside.
2. Cut slits in the bottom of the paper towel roll and tape to your paper plate.
3. Trace your hand and arm on cardstock or brown paper. Make sure it is long enough to cover the paper towel roll. This will be the trunk of the tree. Cut out and glue to the paper towel roll.
4. Trace your hand prints on green paper or white paper colored by you. You will need 5 hand prints. Decorate with branches, flowers, or wildlife.
5. Attach to the tree trunk with glue.