

# Autumn Tree

## Object

To promote fine motor movements. To have fun.

## Preparation

You will require outlines of deciduous tree leaves such as liquid amber, sycamore, oak, maple. Templates can be found on the internet; just do a google search "maple leaf" etc. Enlarge them so that each leaf fits neatly onto an A-4 piece of paper. If the tracing is not clear, go on top with a black marker.

## Instructions

Have your residents to paint the leaves in autumn colour with poster paint (kindergarten paint).

Let it dry and then cut around with scissors.

Place them on a safe place until you have dozens upon dozens of them (50 or 60 leaves).

Make a trunk with kindergarten paper in brown or green colour.

To finish the activity;

1. Find a wall or a door to assemble the tree. (Ours was assembled on a door that we hardly use).
2. Assemble various residents to the area so they can 'supervise' your work and offer their opinions as to where the leaves should go.
3. Stick the trunk to the wall with blue-tack (otherwise you ruin the wall).
4. Once the trunk is in place start sticking on the leaves (also with blue-tack). Make it fun, let the residents engage as much as possible. (In my facility the residents painted the leaves twice a week for an hour. We did it for a month and of course we had much more leaves than we needed but we had fun!)