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## Make

1. Start by heading out into nature to collect some interesting objects of different shapes and sizes.



2. Arrange leaves and objects onto a window with clear sticky tape in any formation.





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3. Set up a reading lamp or use a torch to shine light onto the window. Using sticky tape, place an A4 piece of paper on the outside of the window.



4. Start tracing the shadows created by the leaves and objects.





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5. Once the outline is complete use markers and colour to refine and complete. Add further patterns to the shapes if desired.

## Suggested Materials:

- Markers
- Colour pencil
- Ink (See note on DIY ink on the next page)
- Watercolour paint
- Crayon





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## Make your Own Inks and Dye at Home

Everyday ingredients found in the pantry and fridge make great ink and dyes. Consider the following:

- Turmeric
- Beetroot
- Coffee
- Tea bags
- Food colouring
- Red cabbage (boil and use liquid)
- Red onion (boil and use liquid)
- Frozen berries (boil and use juice)

Apply to your artwork!

