

35 Activities to Fall in Love with LEAVES

1. **Toss and run** around as they fall on your head
2. **Jump** in a leaf pile
3. **Collect** leaves to put inside a sensory bottle for infants to reach, grasp, and explore
4. **Toss and count** how many times you can do a motor skill (jump, squat, twist, etc.) before the leaves touch the ground
5. **Rake** leaves and put them in a big pile
6. **Gather** leaves on a tarp and drag them around
7. **Ride** a bike or scooter through them
8. Use leaves to make a **maze**
9. **Jump** up to pull them off of a tree or jump up and “hi five” a leaf
10. **Put them** on a parachute and play parachute games
11. Use them in **Simon Says**
12. **Throw** them up and catch them with a net
13. **Play** pass the leaf
14. Use them as **targets** on the ground or on a tree
15. **Create** a leaf line and try to balance as you walk
16. **Hop** leaf to leaf or jump/leap over a leaf
17. **Play** leaf tag with a friend
18. **Fill** buckets with leaves and carry them around
19. Use them as **spot markers**
20. Have one team try to **fill** a basket while another team tries to **empty** the same basket
21. Play a leaf **relay** game
22. **Slide down** a slide into a pile of leaves
23. **Stomp** on a certain color leaf (orange, yellow, red, brown)



24. **Make** a “snow angel” in the leaves
25. Try to **kick** falling leaves
26. **Scoop** up leaves using a variety of tools (hands, shovels, cups, rakes)
27. Play music and **dance** around on/in leaves
28. **Collect** leaves and make large shape/designs (move in different ways to each shape you create)
29. **Build** forts and decorate them with leaves
30. **Balance** a leaf on your head, back, arm, etc.
31. **Sort** leaves by similarities or differences
32. **Roll** in the leaves (a ball or your body)
33. **Play** a leaf counting game
34. **Create** a leaf scavenger hunt and do different movements while you “hunt” for a specific colored/shaped leaf
35. **Toss** in the air and try to catch as many as you can



Other Supportive Natural Materials:

- Tree cookies, stumps, logs or branches
- Containers (baskets or buckets)
- Pine cones
- Hay Bales
- Acorns
- Pumpkins (variety of sizes)