

Fall Bright Leaves- October 2023 Blog Post

Fall is a wonderful time of year where the leaves are turning beautiful colors- let's create an abstracted collage with leaf prints!

History

Fernand Léger (February 4, 1881 – August 17, 1955) was a French artist famous for his paintings and sculpture. He is regarded as a forerunner of pop art.

Fernand Léger was born in rural Normandy on February 4, 1881 and raised by his family to take up a valuable trade, like his father who was a cattle dealer. While Léger was not encouraged to become an artist, when he showed talent for drawing, he was sent to apprentice with an architect in the French city of Caen.

Léger worked in a variety of media including paint, ceramic, film, theater and dance sets, glass, print, and book arts. While his style varied, his work was consistently graphic, favoring primary colors, pattern, and bold form.

Project Students will combine paper collage with brightly colored leaf prints inspired by the art of Ferdinand Léger. They will collage organic paper shapes onto a background, then use bright florescent paint to print leaves onto the collaged shapes.



Materials:

- 9x12 orange construction paper
- 9x12 assorted bright construction paper
- Assorted leaves
- Green paint
- Pink paint (any color tempera paint works)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Large paint brushes
- Paper plates



Prep: Pre cut organic shapes in a variety of sizes.

Instructions:

- Arrange organic shapes on 9x12 orange construction paper.



- Use large paintbrush to paint the back of leaves (the vein side). Cover leaf evenly.



- Print leaves 2 or 3 times on top of collaged shapes



- Frame artwork in 11x14 white frame. If time allows, let students try printing more leaves on newsprint.



For fun

Kids LOVE to sing. Try these color themed songs.

We Love Color!

Tune: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Red, yellow, green and blue, green and blue, Red, yellow, green and blue, green and blue, Purple, orange, brown and black,
Red, yellow, green and blue, green and blue.

What Color Are You Wearing? Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

If you're wearing red today, red today, red today,
If you're wearing red today, stand up and shout "Hooray!"

(vary the colors and have children transition out after their color is called)

Rainbow Song

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

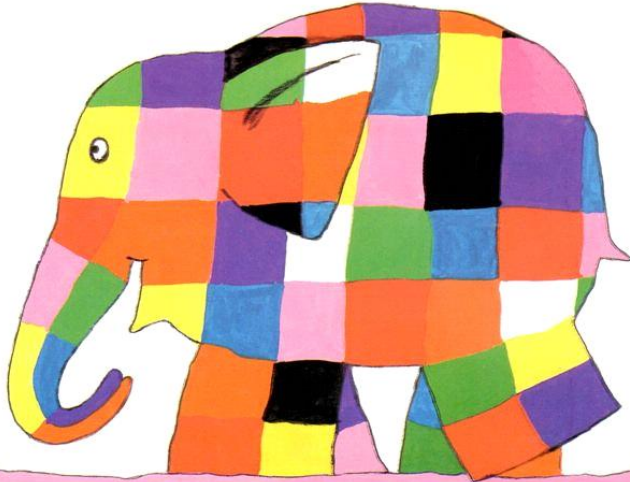
Red and orange, green and blue,
Shiny yellow, purple too.

All the colors that we know, live up in the rainbow. Red and orange, green and blue,
Shiny yellow, purple too.

Book suggestions

ELMER'S COLORS

David McKee

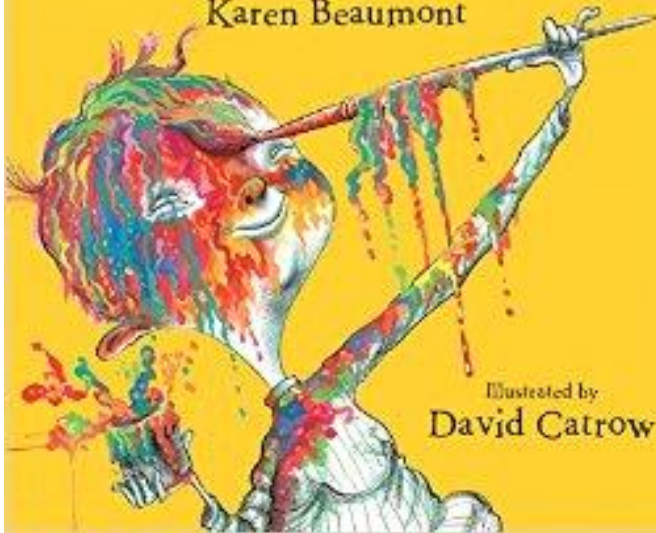


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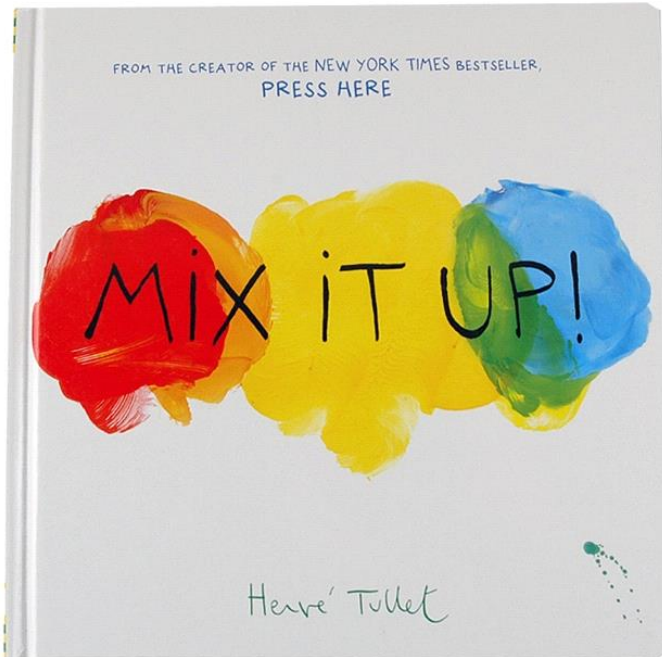
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I Aint Gonna Paint
No More!

Karen Beaumont



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<https://youtu.be/r7ErHEhFBEo>

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Thanks for Creating!

Happy Fall and Keep Making Art!

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