



# The Fabric Workshop and Museum



## FWM @ Home Activity: Leaf Tracings

### Materials:

- leaves
- chalk or oil pastels, colored pencils, or unwrapped crayons
- glue stick or tape
- tracing paper

### Steps:

1. Take a walk around your neighborhood and collect leaves with noticeable veining.
2. Use the apps PlantNet, PlantSnap, or iNaturalist to identify your leaves. (Leaves of 3 let them be!)
3. Lay them out on a table when you return home.
4. Prepare scraps of tracing paper, wax paper, parchment paper, or even copy paper.
5. Use unwrapped crayons or pastels to create rubbings of each leaf.
6. Layer and collage the leaf rubbings onto one piece of paper.
7. Explore ways to use the veins of the leaves as the lines of your drawing. How do the lines connect and relate to one another?
8. Use colored pencils to respond to the leaf lines and create new shapes, lines and areas of color.

### About FWM @ Home and the Quarantine Prints Series

FWM has a long history of challenging Artists-in-Residence and staff to use innovative materials, methods, and art-making practices. During the museum's spring 2020 closure as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis, our education team considered the challenges art teachers and caregivers were facing and developed the Quarantine Prints series in response as an opportunity to explore and expand ideas of art making.

Each exercise can be adjusted to suit the age and abilities of students and/or family members. Use these projects to imagine new materials, tools, and possibilities in times of uncertainty and resourceful living. Visit our [website](#) for additional activities in the series, check out [FWM's YouTube channel](#) for how-to videos created by FWM staff, and share images of your results on social media using the hashtags #FWMatHome and #FabricWorkshop!