

# ACTIVITY

## Leaf Painting

Suitable for children 9 to 12

If you lived in a house like the *Malay House, Malacca* by Mohamed Salehuddin, you'll likely be surrounded by a *kampung* garden. What might you do out there?

Let's create a simple and pretty print that celebrates the beauty of nature!

### What you need:

- Leaves (different shapes and sizes)
- Poster paint
- Paintbrushes
- Paint palette
- Drawing block or craft paper
- Old newspaper or table cover (to protect your surface)

### How to make it:

1. Cover your table with newspaper or plastic tablecloth to keep it neat and tidy.
2. Go outside and pick up some leaves. Choose those that are not too dry or brittle.
3. Squirt a selection of paints into your paint palette. Using your paint brush, paint on one side of a leaf, using any colours you like.
4. Press the painted side of the leaf onto your piece of drawing block or craft paper.
5. Repeat with the other leaves to make a pattern of your liking. You can use this technique to greeting cards, decorating your journal, or your own wrapping paper.

