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Materials

- Play dough
- Acorns
- Pumpkin seeds
- Fake leaves
- Twigs
- Play dough stencils or cookie cutters

Directions:

1. Gather the materials needed.
2. Lay the materials out on the table. You can use an organizer like the one pictured to place the materials out in an inviting way.
3. Let the children explore!

Extension: There are so many opportunities for conversation while the kids are engaged in this activity. You can ask them things like, “How many twigs did you use?”, “What does the dough feel like?”, “What does it smell like?”, and “What kind of shapes can you create?”

PRE-K Measures: ATL 7, COG 2, COG 3, COG 4, COG 6, COG 7, PD 4

Source: <https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/fall-play-dough-invitation-to-play.html>

Leaf-Cutting Play Tray

Materials:

- Low flat tray
- Kid safe scissors
- Leaves

Directions:

1. Take the kids outside and have them collect leaves from the yard or from on a brief nature walk in the neighborhood.
2. Place the leaves and scissors on the tray, readily available for the children.
3. Let them explore the leaves and encourage cutting.

*When done, you can save the small leaf pieces for collages later ☺

PRE-K Measures: ATL 4, ATL 6, ATL 7, COG 2, COG 3, PD 4

Source: <https://happytoddlerplaytime.com/leaf-cutting-tray/>