CUT & PASTE

leaf collage

If you have a preschooler that’s just learning to cut, or who LOVES to cut and glue everything -- this simple project is for you! I created it after my own preschooler started practicing her newly-learned scissor skills on anything she could hack those dull child-size blades through -- paper, hair, baby sister’s shirt, etc. Turns out she loved creating the leaf collages and I loved that it kept her busy in a constructive way, while continuing to develop fine motor skills!

The project is shown here with leaves, but you can easily mix up the shape depending on the holiday or season -- hearts for Valentine’s Day, egg shapes for Easter, etc.!

Supplies:
* Colored construction paper or card stock (I suggest leaf colors: greens, yellow, orange, red, brown)
* Kid-size scissors
* Glue stick
* Simple leaf shapes, printed on card stock

Directions:
1. Print a leaf-shape. Card stock or other sturdy paper is best.
2. Give kids scraps of colored paper and have them cut to their heart’s content.
3. Gather the cut pieces and save them in a plastic bag for another day, or continue to the next step.
4. Glue the scraps of cut colored papers inside the leaf outlines. I encourage kids to “cover all the white spaces” and “try to stay in the lines.”
5. Hang your leaf collage for a seasonal display!