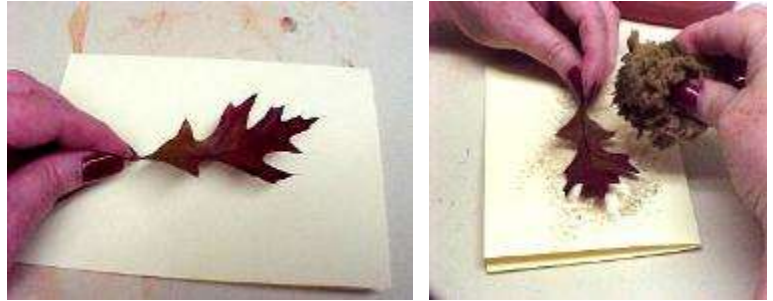


# Susie's Watercolor Tips

## Watercolor Greeting Cards made by using real leaves to stamp and stencil

Create unique greeting cards using watercolors painted directly on real leaves. Start by using a leaf as a stencil, dabble paint with a dry brush or a sponge to leave an outline of the leaf to create a textured background. Let dry!

Then, to use the leaf as a stamp, paint moistened but not drippy paint directly on the leaf itself.



The underside of the leaf usually has better raised veins for printing. Place the leaf paint side down on your card and apply gentle pressure to transfer the paint to the card in the void created by the outlined texture.

Repeat this process until you have a composition you like. Allow to printed leaf patterns to dry. Next fill in the stamped leaf pattern with warm autumn colors.

Your cards will look like you spent hours painting in the details! Some leaves receive paint better than others, so experiment with different leaves. Have fun!



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