

Backyard Wildlife Fun for Kids: Leaf Critters

Fall is a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the cool, crisp air! As the trees begin to ready themselves for winter, leaves are turning brilliant shades of yellow, orange, and red. One great nature activity for kids this time of year is to create leaf critters!

Step 1: Go on a collection tour! Arm yourself with a paper lunch bag and collect leaves, seeds, twigs and other natural objects of interest.

Step 1.5 (optional): Dry your leaves. Place leaves in between several sheets of newspaper and place heavy books over them for 4-7 days until dry. Fresh leaves can be used to create critters, but the leaves can curl as they naturally dry. On the other hand, dried leaves are much more fragile than fresh leaves.



Step 2: Design! Use various craft supplies such as googly eyes, pom-poms, chenille stems, construction paper, glue and more to create leaf critters. Critters can model real life creatures or can be designed from the imagination.

Step 3: Proudly display!

