



Bookmark

WORKSHOP TITLE

DESCRIPTION

El Día de los Niños, also known as *El Día de los Libros*, celebrates children of all nationalities and cultures. Celebrated annually on April 30 in Mexico, this day highlights the importance of literacy across linguistic backgrounds and cultures.

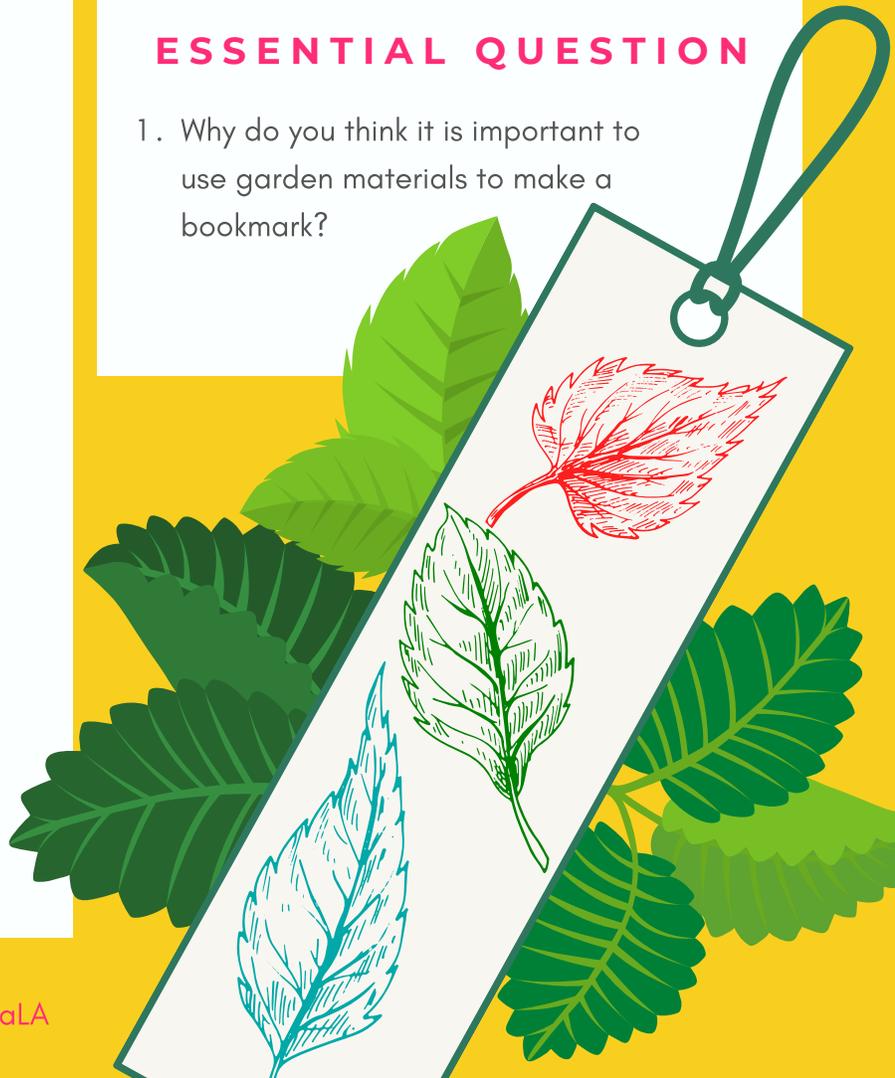
This activity will inspire you to dive into reading by creating a bookmark using leaf rubbings. Collect leaves, examine them closely, and learn how to identify and classify common shapes of leaves. Practice leaf rubbing and create bookmarks to keep track of your reading adventures!

MATERIALS

- sheet of white paper
- cardstock paper (or the back of a used notebook)
- small leaves, no bigger than 2 inches; choose a variety of different shapes
- unwrapped crayons
- ruler
- pencil
- scissors
- glue stick
- tape
- hole puncher
- colorful ribbon or yarn

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

1. Why do you think it is important to use garden materials to make a bookmark?





WORKSHOP INSTRUCTIONS



1. Fold the white sheet of paper in half.
 - Use scissors to cut along the line and fold in again.
 - Use the pencil and ruler to measure and cut a 1 ½ by 6-inch rectangle.
2. Place the paper on the table and open it up.
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 - Use a tiny piece of tape to secure the leaves on each end.
 - Use soft and hard leaves to compare how drawing come out.
 - The drier and older a leaf is the more difficult it may be get a good drawing.
 - Fold the paper back down and hold it down with your hand.
3. Use a crayon sideways to rub gently and color over the paper where you placed your leaves. Make sure you get all the edges.
 - Use different colors to decorate.
 - Observe the beautiful shape of your leaves.
 - Notice the blade, petiole and veins running along.
4. Open the paper and cut it along the folded line.
5. Take the cardstock paper and using your ruler, measure and cut a 2 by 7-inch rectangle.
6. Use the glue stick to glue the leaf rubbing on the cardstock.
 - Make sure to center the paper and glue about ½ space on top.
7. Lastly, use the hole puncher to make a hole on top of the bookmark, right at the center.
 - Cut several pieces of ribbon about a foot long in length and tie the ribbons to keep them in place.
 - Shorten the ribbons if they are too long.

RESOURCES TO EXPLORE TOGETHER

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