LessonFizz

AGES 2-5

Autumn Leaf Sorting Mats

Spot / Match / Count / Talk

LOOK • NOTICE • TALK • PLAY

FREE SORTING RESOURCE

8 PRINTABLE A4 PAGES

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How to use the mats

Choose one simple idea, model it, then let children explore in their own way.

1. Print the mats and leaf card pages. Use paper, card or laminate for repeated use.
2. Cut out the cards. Begin with two colours or two sizes before offering more.
3. Name what children notice: red, big, pointy, same, different and one more.
4. Invite children to sort, match, count or make their own patterns.
5. Add real large safe leaves when possible and follow the child's ideas.

Check natural materials

Avoid berries, fungi and unknown plants. Use large cards for children who mouth objects.

Sort the leaves

Cut out the tiles on the next page. Match each leaf to its colour.

red

yellow

brown

green

How else could you sort them? Try size or shape.

You can also use real, safe leaves with an adult.

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Sort by size

Try small and big first. Add medium when children are ready.

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		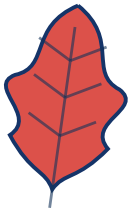
place leaves here	place leaves here	place leaves here

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Leaf tiles to cut out

Cut on the dashed lines. Mix up the tiles, then sort them by colour.

red

yellow

brown

green

red

yellow

brown

green

red

yellow

brown

green

red

yellow

brown

green

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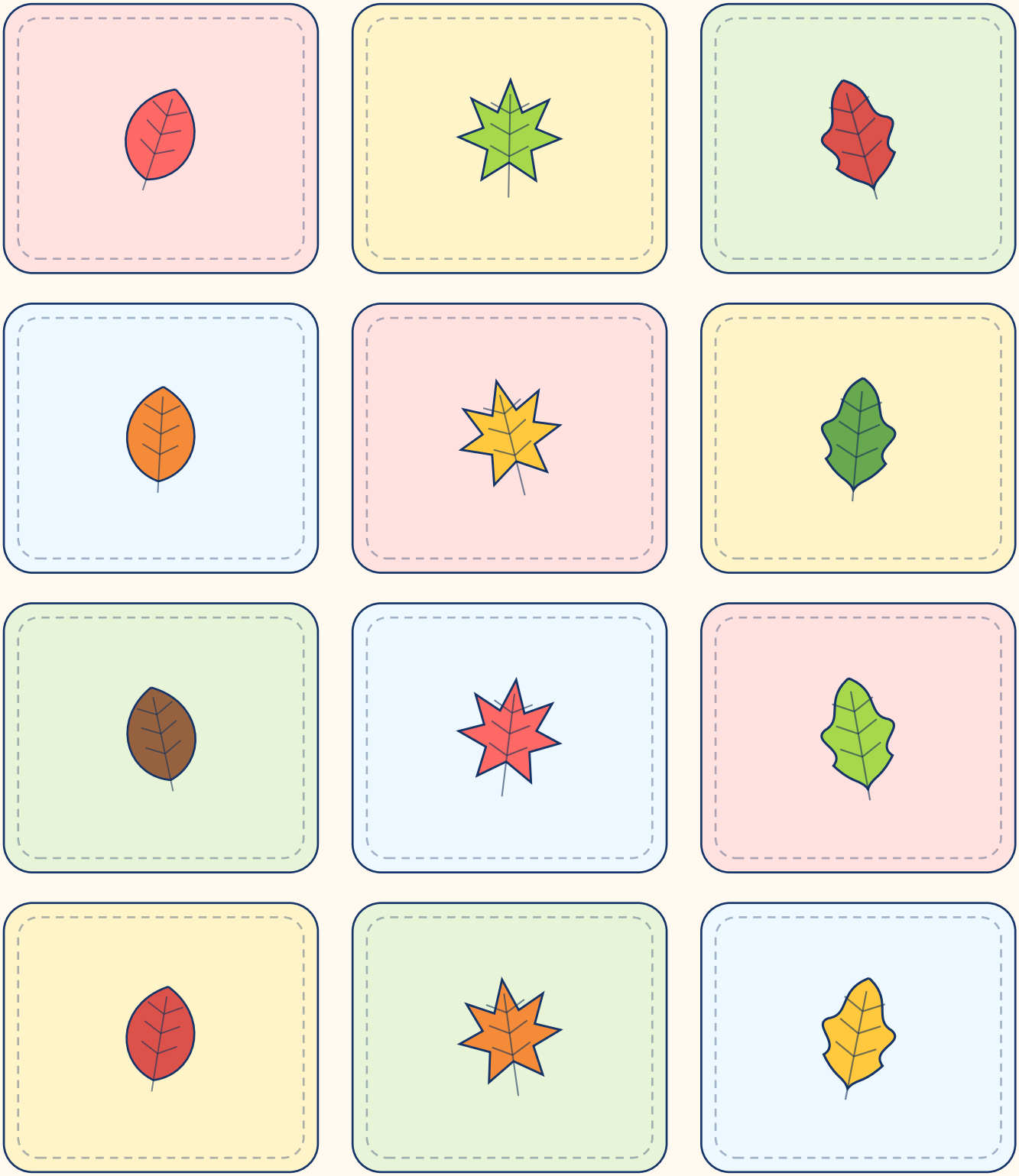
Autumn leaf cards

Cut around the cards. Mix, match, sort and describe.



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Leaf counting mats

Place one leaf on each circle and count slowly together.

1

Place one leaf on each circle

2

Place one leaf on each circle

3

Place one leaf on each circle

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5

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