

MARK MAKING

NATURE - WHEREVER YOU FIND IT

RESOURCES

- Plain paper or a sketchbook
- Poster/acrylic paints/inks
- Scissors and glue
- Old storecards
- Plastic tubs or old bowl
- Newspapers

FURTHER IDEAS

- When the painted surfaces are dry you could use your leaf shapes to cut out areas of the paper and arrange these on blank cards for greeting cards or in your sketchbook.
- Select areas of your painting that interest you and cut them out to rearrange in your sketchbook.
- Add collaged shapes to your surface and other textured materials like raffia, dried leaves or seeds.

CREATING PAINTED SURFACES

- Protect your work area with newspapers, this is a messy activity.
- Mix up some paints in old tubs or bowl with water so that they are runny eg yellow, red, purple, light blue.
- Using your storecard spread the paints over areas of your paper. Starting with the lightest colours first. Work on a few papers at once as you will need to let them dry between applications of paint. This will create layers of paint.
- Use the edge of your card to make marks with different colours or use seed heads or sticks to make marks.