



Activity:  
**Scrunching Leaves**



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Babies



Outdoor



## Activity

Nature offers so many wonderful learning opportunities for your baby. Baby learns by using his or her senses, and autumn leaves provide opportunities for touch, smell, sound and sight. Collect some autumn leaves into a pile and invite your baby to explore them. Encourage your baby to scrunch the leaves up, throw them into the air, feel them with their fingers and toes. Model different ways to explore the leaves and describe the colour, shape, feel and smell. Your baby will respond to your enthusiasm and enjoy exploring the leaves together.

Have fun!

## This will help your child

This activity supports the development of your baby's curiosity and sensory exploration. It also develops their fine motor skills, and exploration of cause and effect.



## Key words to use

Point out colours, textures, smell and describe baby's actions. Scrunch, crunch, float, light, up, down, rough, smooth, soft, hard, tickle.

## Resources

Autumn leaves or any other non-toxic leaves.

## Questions to ask

- > How do the leaves feel?
- > What sound do they make?
- > How do they smell?
- > Can you throw them up in the air?
- > What happens to the leaves when the wind blows?

