

Folding Screens

This is a sample project. Your results will differ, depending on the choices you make. Fabrics, Photos, found objects, leftover bits from other projects – All would work well in this format. Have fun making your choices. The following steps might give you some ideas and technical tips for altering the surfaces of your pages. Have fun! Make your decisions to please your eye and your design sense. There are infinite possibilities.

Materials: The supplies for embellishing your pages will depend on what you have on hand, what you enjoy working with and the image itself. Here we have skeleton leaves, leaves scanned onto Tea Bag paper, beads, basic hand sewing supplies, fabric paint, pigma pens, water color pencils and water color crayons. (not shown: stamps, textile medium, paint brush and water).



Below: My first step was to stamp a leaf texture on the pages. Color was mixed to a soft buttery consistency, brushed on the stamp and applied to the pages. I stamped on the tea bag paper first to remove excess paint.



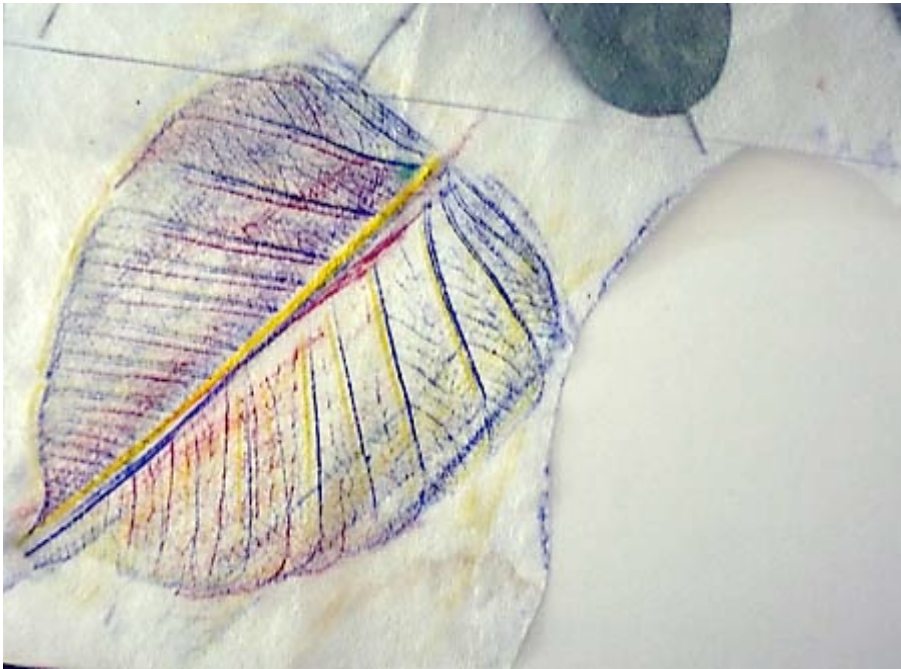
You can see the subtle “leaf texture” on the pages below.



Once the paint dried, additional color was added, using watercolor pencils and crayons. A 50/50 dilution of textile medium and water was brushed over top of the applied color. This allows the pigment in the watercolor pencils and crayons to bind to the fabric and paper. It also helps protect the surface of the pages.



Then a rubbing of leaves was made on the tea bag paper, the shape cut out and glued to a page. Textile medium was used for the glue. It dries clear.





Additional skeleton leaves were applied, using the textile medium as an adhesive. (You can see the wet medium in the lower right corner above. It looks milky, but that changes as it dries.)



Beaded elements were created using jeweler's findings and beads and suspended from the uprights.



Pony beads were used for “feet” for the uprights. The twigs may have to be carved down a little to fit the size of the bead. A drop of white glue on each bead helps secure the foot.

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