

## Curriculum Share

DRDP Measure: COG 1: Spatial Relationships  
Age Group: Toddler

## Find the Match: Simple Fall Leaf Puzzles

Developmental information:

Spatial Relationships

Child increasingly shows understanding of how objects move in space or fit in different spaces



## Materials

Leaves of all different colors

Contact paper (optional)

Scissors

## Directions



1 Pat the leaves with a paper towel to make sure they're dry.

2 Carefully cut each leaf in two.

Image step 1 fall leaf puzzle

3 If you have contact paper at home, you can use it to preserve the leaves for continuous play. Lay a piece of contact paper sticky side up, lay the leaves on top with a space between the two halves of each leaf, and add a second piece of contact paper on top. Cut out the leaves. If you're not using contact paper, simply release the uncovered leaves to the outdoors when you finish playing!

4 Place the leaf puzzle pieces in a tray or on a table and match one up as an example.

5 Ask your child to come over and “fix these leaves.” As your child finds the matches, you can take the opportunity to sneak in words about fractions, saying things like: “All the leaves have been cut into two halves. Can you make them whole again?” or “This leaf is missing its other half. Can you find it?”

