







Leaf Mobiles – Catch the colours of fall with these beautiful hanging ornaments!

Fall is in full-swing, and across the Fraser Basin deciduous trees are beginning to lose their leaves. British Columbia has around 40 species of native trees, and the variety of size, shape, and colour of falling leaves make for beautiful displays of colour that are a sight to see!

Let's celebrate the changing season by crafting a simple leaf mobile. They're easy to make and can be hung anywhere to catch the autumn sunshine!



Here's what you need:

-  **Autumn Leaves** – The more colourful and differently-sized, the better!
-  **Pinecones (3-4)** – these will act as weights for your mobile
-  **Stick**
-  **Scissors**
-  **Large sewing needle or similar**
- to punch holes through your leaves
-  **Twine or thread**



Let's Get Started!

1. Gather your materials

Go out and collect colourful fallen leaves in the woods or park – how many different colours can you find?

While you're out, collect some pinecones and a stick as well – these will be useful when creating our mobile later.

2. Weight your twine

Cut the twine into as lengths as you have pinecones, about 75cm/30in in length. Attach a cone to one end of each length of twine to act as a weight.

3. Thread your twine through the leaves

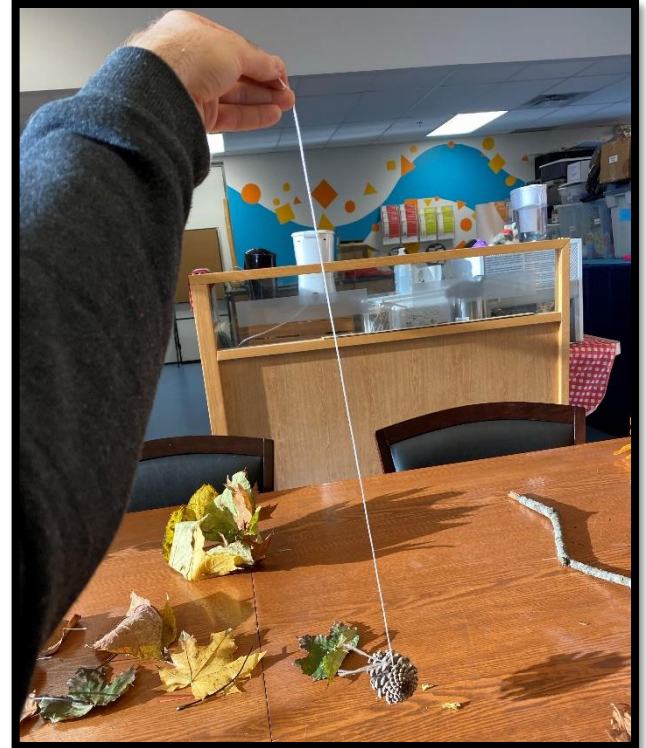
Attach the other end of your twine to the sewing needle, and pass it through some of the leaves you have collected. Repeat this for all 4 lengths of twine

4. Finish up your mobile!

Tie the weighted leaf strings along your stick.

Next, take a length of twine about 30cm longer than your stick, and tie each end to either end of the stick.

Now that your mobile is finished it's time to hang it up! Take your Command hook tape it to the ceiling/ wall you want to hang your mobile from. Then, attach the top of your mobile to the hook.



Let us know how your crafting went! Share your Leaf Mobile online and tag us @thefrdc to help us find you!
Stay safe and happy crafting!

