

## The Very Hungry Caterpillar Nature Craft



### Materials Needed:

- ✓ Small round shaped green leaves
- ✓ Construction paper or printer paper
- ✓ Markers (or crayons or colored pencils)
- ✓ Paint (red)
- ✓ Paintbrush
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Liquid glue
- ✓ Flowers (optional)
- ✓ Tape (optional)





**Steps:**



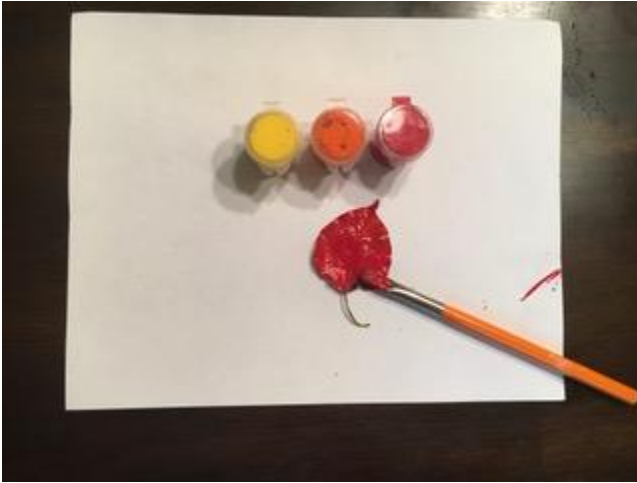
1.

Gather round shaped leaves from outside. You will need about 8-10 depending on size. If you can, try to find different colors, like yellow and red! Optional: look for some small flowers to add to your caterpillar's background.



2.

Cut off the stems of your leaves with scissors.



3.

If you weren't able to find a red leaf, you can paint one! This will be used for the caterpillar's head.



4.

While your red leaf is drying, use markers (or crayons/ colored pencils/ paint) to decorate your caterpillar's background with grass and a shining sun.



5.

Line up your leaves to form the body of the caterpillar with your red leaf in front.



6.

Using just a few drops, glue the back of each leaf to the paper.



7.

**\*Tricky part\*** Parents might need to help with this step! Cut out small circles from different colored leaves to create the caterpillar's eyes and nose. (Modification: You can also use googly eyes or paint a face and skip to step 9).



8.

Glue the eyes and nose to form the face of the caterpillar.



9.

Finish off your caterpillar by adding details, like antennae and legs. Lastly, add flowers to the grass by taping the stems down.

### **Additional Skill Practice:**

Here are some additional skills you can work on with your kiddo related to this craft:

- Practice identifying colors with leaves, markers, and paint materials
- Practice "big" and "little" when looking for leaves outside
- Practice identifying shapes with of leaves
- Practice counting the number of leaves used to make your caterpillar
- Practice identifying common items: scissors, markers, glue, paper