How To: Leaf Lion

Material

For this craft you will need:
- Leaves
- Sheets of Paper
- Coloured Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Glue
- Scissor
- Books
- Imagination

Guide

1) Go outside and find leaves to collect. Pick the ones you fancy, it does not matter what colour they are or their shape, you just have to like them. Pick as much as you can carry or find. The more you have, the more you can do!

2) Since Autumn and rains go hand in hand, you might wish to let the leaves dry before putting them between the pages of a book so they can be flattened. Also, pick some old books that can be damaged, just in case.

My leaves are peacefully drying.

Nothing like a book to flatten leaves!

3) While you are waiting for the leaves to flatten, take a sheet of paper - any kind you have or fancy - and draw your Lion face. You can use a model or follow your own rules, it is up to you! Same goes for the colour, do as you please, it is your Lion and yours only. Once you have created your Lion face, cut it out with the scissors.

If you are just like me with not so much, that does not matter. A little bit of imagination and…
Tada! Harlequin Lion!

4) Take another sheet of paper that will be used as the support for Lion's mane. You can either choose to simply have its face or draw him a full body if you wish using a collection of sheets of paper that you glued together. It is up to you!

5) When your leaves are flat enough, arrange them to create the mane of your Lion, but do not glue them directly, try different patterns until you find a one that you like. When you have found it, start gluing the leaves to the sheet of paper, from the outside to the inside. You can fully glue each leaf or just the base, so your mane can move.

6) When the mane is done, add the face to it and… Tada! Your own Leaf Lion! Repeat as much as you want to create your own family of Leaf Lions! The only limit is your imagination! And the number of leaves you can find.

And one Harlequin Lion! Just need to glue it to be able to keep it!