

My Autumn Sketchbook

INSTRUCTIONS

- This is your mini book to celebrate the fall season.
- Cut out each of these pages on the dotted line down the middle.
- Assemble them into a mini booklet using staples or string to hold the pages together.
- Then carry the book and a pencil with you when you spend time outdoors during the fall!

This book belongs to:



Draw your favorite **Tree**

How do trees look
during the fall season?

Write a story about a favorite memory you had there.

What color are the leaves during autumn?

Use paint or watercolor to draw leaves.



Did You Know:

Leaves change color in autumn because they start to lose their chlorophyll, the green pigment that absorbs light for photosynthesis. During winter there is not enough light for photosynthesis, so trees shed their food-making leaves. The beautiful colors come from the natural coloring of the leaves, as well as leftover glucose and other waste.





Draw a Pine Tree



Draw a triangle and a small rectangle.



Draw a bunch of *w* shapes that overlap.



Curve the tree trunk and add more *w* shapes.

Fun Fact:

Evergreen trees, like pine trees, don't lose their leaves during fall and winter. Their pine needles are weather-resistant. Sometimes they can even photosynthesize during the winter.



Draw a Pinecone



Write about the animals you've seen:





**Draw a flock of
birds in migration**



Draw a picture of an
Autumn Sunset

Bird Migration

Ever wonder why birds fly south for the winter? Scientists believe that birds are born with the natural urge to migrate—it is written into their genes. Even caged birds start acting differently during migration season. But how do the birds know where to go? Some experts think that the birds can sense the earth's magnetic field. Many scientists are still researching this theory.

Autumnal Equinox

The Autumnal Equinox is on the first day of fall. It is when the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere (the upper and lower halves of the earth) both face the sun in equal amounts.



Write a Haiku

Japanese haiku is usually inspired by nature. Write a haiku about something you saw in nature today. Remember, haikus are written with three lines, each with a specific syllable pattern. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the last line has 5 syllables.

Handwriting practice area with 18 horizontal lines for writing a haiku.



Haiku Drawing

Draw a picture to go with your poem.
Then fill it in with watercolors.

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