

## Get busy with Activity Time!

## **Our Dreaming**

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## Darrambyang leaf (gumleaf) rubbings

## You will need:

- gum leaves
- thick paper
- crayons (thick ones without paper are easier to use)



Darrambyang (dah rahm by ung) is the Gundungurra word for 'gumtree'.

- 1.Explore your local area with an adult to find and collect darrambyang leaves that have fallen on the ground.
- Carefully place the leaves under a thick piece of paper. Position them where you'd like to start your rubbing.
- 3. Using a crayon on its side, gently but firmly rub over the top of the paper where the leaves are positioned underneath. Hold the paper firmly whilst doing this so the leaves don't move around. As you rub over the top of the leaves, the shapes and patterns of the leaves will be revealed on your paper.
- 4. You can reposition the leaves in other areas under the paper to help fill any blank spaces. You might like to also use different coloured crayons for your rubbings.
- 5. For a final fancy touch, add metallic pen lines or dots to your artwork that might mimic other natural patterns you have observed in nature.



