



## Drawing autumn leaves with oil pastels



### **Enjoy the most colourful time of year!**

Golden woods, rustling autumn foliage, mild temperatures - that's an Indian summer. The special light and unique atmosphere of autumn have a very special kind of magic. Design Journey oil pastels allow you to bring the beauty of nature into your home by creating your very own autumn leaves.

## Step-by-step tutorial



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First, sketch in the contours of the branches and the soft outlines of the leaves in pencil. Go over the outlines with oil pastels, using red, orange and yellow tones. Then fill in the leaves completely with colour. It looks great if you shade the leaves from yellow to red, creating a soft colour gradient.

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Now add as many leaves to your picture as you like and decorate your branch however you want. Use darker tones to add some slight shade to the branches and leaves as well. Your picture will have that real Indian summer feel if you colour in the upper leaves mainly with yellow tones and the lower leaves primarily in red.



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Finally, turn your attention to the background, using colours such as yellow-green, green, light blue and blue, getting darker from top to bottom. It'll look especially vibrant if you overlap the colours from time to time, colouring over each other. To create the effect of the leaves reflecting in the water, add some red highlights to the lower section of the picture.



## Material overview



## What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
<b>STAEDTLER® 2420</b> Oil pastel - Cardboard box containing 48 oil-pastels in assorted colours	2420 C48	1
<b>Mars® Lumograph® 100</b> Drawing pencil - Single product HB	100-HB	1

Additionally required:

smooth drawing paper