

Autumn Leaves

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Make lots of construction paper leaves in red, yellow, orange, brown and green, or have the children cut them out – they can be jagged, as leaves are! Attach a leaf of each color to each of 4 brown grocery bags, and place them around the room. Toss the leaves on the floor. Explain that “LEGATO” means smooth and flowing – and that’s how we’ll move as the music plays. When the music stops, call out a color. The children should put all the leaves of that color into a bag with a leaf of that color on it. Continue until all leaves are picked up.

You may have to stop the recording between verses to allow all the leaves to be picked up.