OBJECTIVE

Students will draw various line types to create a composition.

Materials

- White construction paper 9x12
- Black Crayons
- Leaf Tracers
- Red, Yellow, Orange and Blue watercolor paints

Motivation

- Review with students different line types. Have students practice these on whiteboards.
- Talk about and look at a leaf, and how there are many different lines and patterns within the veins of a leaf. Why do leaves have veins? Connect science. Also talk about how when leaves fall off the trees, sometimes they fall into a stream or river and float away.
- Today we will be making a picture of fall leaves, using different lines to show the designs inside of each leaf.

Lesson Steps

Step 1 - Trace

Students will trace 5 leaves with a black crayon using their small leaf tracer. The teacher will have these pre-made out of card stock.

Step 2 - Draw Lines

Each leaf will have a different pattern inside using different lines. The first four leaves you will direct the students on their line types. Straight, Zigzag, Wavy, and “realistic,” looking at a real leaf. The last leaf they can choose a line type and choose how they design their leaf.

Step 3 - Paint Warm Colors

Talk with students about warm colors, and how they match the colors we see in the fall. Students can choose to paint their leaves with warm colors. Two Rules: 1. You may not paint the leaves all one color and 2. No two leaves can be painted the same way.

Step 4 - Draw Water Lines

Using a blue crayon students will draw lines that represent water and waves all around the leaves. I will let them come up with their own line types for this.

Step 5 - Paint Background

Using a diluted blue paint, have students fill the entire background with blue paint. Why a diluted paint? Because if the blue is too dark, it will cover up the blue water lines the students drew.

These look great framed on blue or black paper.