

Meet the Ginkgo Tree

Ginkgo Tree
Seedling Activity
Tree location

Try this...

The Ginkgo tree has a unique leaf shape. To explore the shape of the Ginkgo leaf let's make a mini fan!

- Look all around the base of the tree for a fallen leaf. If there is no sign of a leaf then gently pick one from the branches.
- Place the leaf on thick white paper and trace around the edges or construction paper.
- Let's cut them out! Always remember to be very careful using scissors, ask an adult to help you.
- After you have cut out your fan use the markers or crayons to color the fan just like the leaf. Color in all the misfortunes of nature and all the colors the leaf may have from weathering and seasonal changes.

Now you can take the fan with you to keep cool all day long. You can also take your fan-shaped Ginkgo leaf for a walk around to near by trees. Try and find another Ginkgo tree or compare the fan-shaped leaf to other trees leaf shapes.

Going a little further...

Take a look at some more leaf shapes and how leaves help a tree to grow on page 11 in *Tell Me, Tree* by Gail Gibbons. Do any of the leaves look like the Ginkgo leaf?

Material:

White paper
Construction paper
Scissors
Glue
Crayons/ markers
Tell Me, Tree by Gail Gibbons



