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Seedling #1

## Norway Maple Placemats

**Materials:** -Brown Construction Paper  
-Norway Maple Leaves  
-Glue  
-Markers  
-Contact Paper

**Task:** Let's see what we can make with a leaf!

**“Did You Know?”:** Norway Maples are different from the Red Maples because they are imported from Europe. They are unique because they have larger leaves and they have different fruit that sprouts in the spring than the Red Maple. One of the most unique things about the Norway Maple is that it produces a milky sap in the stems of the leaves. When the leaf is picked off the tree the milky sap comes out.

### **Procedure:**

- At the Norway Maple tree we will look on the ground for any of its leaves if there is none we will pick some. When we pick one, we will be able to notice the milky sap that comes from the stem of this tree.
- After we all have about five leaves we will get started on constructing the project. We have brown construction paper because the trees grow from the dirt in the ground. After everybody has a piece of construction paper everybody can make a collage on the construction paper.
- We can make the collage with the Norway Maple leaves and we can draw on the paper or leaves with the markers.
- After we finish making our collage we can show it to an adult and the adult will glue the leaves down on the paper. After he/she is done with that he/she will laminate the construction paper with contact paper.
- We covered it in contact paper so that if anything were to spill from your food onto your placemat it would not ruin your collage. The contact paper is easy to wipe off.

**Product:** The placemat collage

**Connections to Tell Me, Tree:** Exploring the leaves of the tree