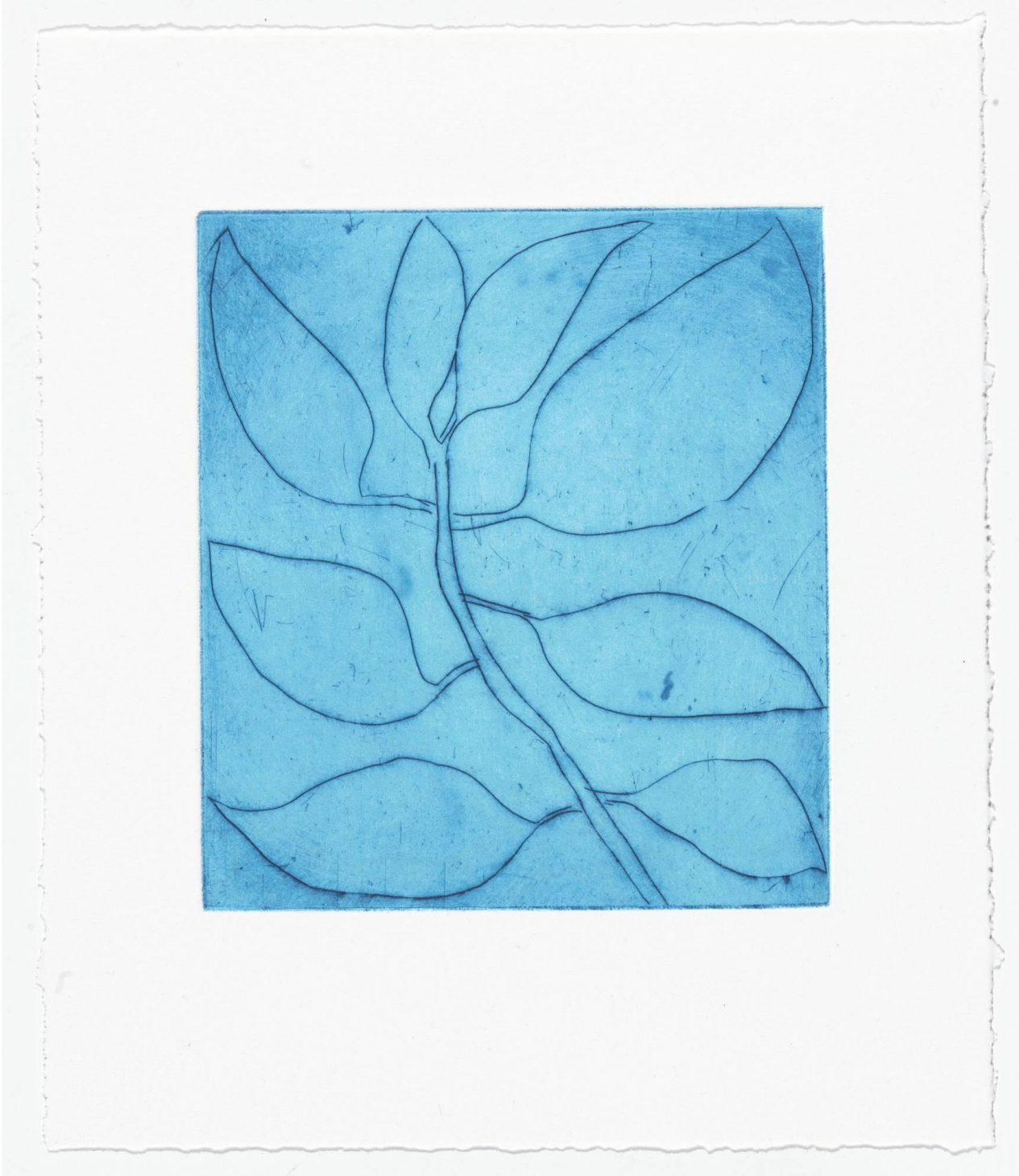


# Artful Activities for Early Learners



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These activities for children ages four and up can be done with teachers, parents, and caregivers, at home or in a classroom.

## Look closely

- Trace the lines in this picture with your finger.
- What does this picture show?
- How many leaves do you see?
- Where do the leaves touch?
- Which leaves seem to curve up? Are there any that curve down?

## Learn

Louise Bourgeois was inspired by the natural world. She included trees, flowers, nests, mountains, rivers, and clouds over and over in her artwork. As a child, she had a garden where she planted flowers and took care of apple and pear trees with her sister and brother. As an adult, she enjoyed exploring nature with her own children.

## Collect and trace leaves to create a fall drawing

*Suggested materials:* White or light paper, pencil, a bag to collect leaves

1. Go on a hunt for fallen leaves.
2. Collect leaves with different shapes and colors.
3. When you return, choose a leaf and place it on your paper.
4. With your pencil, trace the outline of the leaf.
5. Lift it up, and notice the shape that you drew.
6. Choose another leaf, and place it next to your first drawing, or let it overlap, then trace it.
7. Keep tracing leaves until you are satisfied.
8. Show your drawing to a friend or family member. Talk about your drawing and what you noticed on your walk.



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