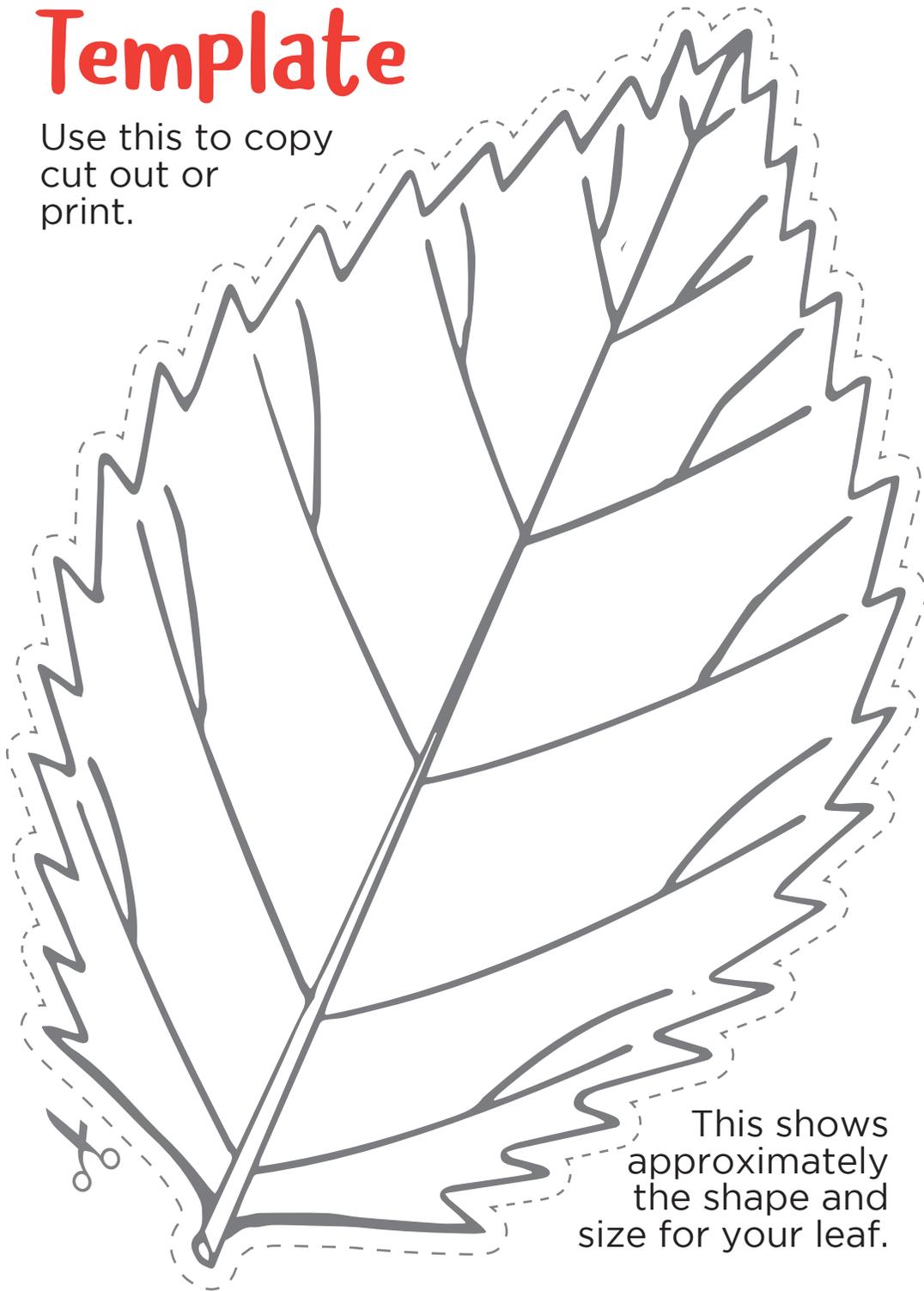


Template

Use this to copy
cut out or
print.



This shows
approximately
the shape and
size for your leaf.

Mulberry
Academy Shoreditch



The Mulberry Academy Tree

We are going to make a 'Year 7 Rainbow
Mulberry Tree' – an artificial tree
covered in hundreds of decorated leaves
in all the colours of the rainbow.

We would like everyone to make and decorate one
Mulberry leaf – you will make this at home, and then
bring it in to hang on the tree on your first day at
Mulberry Academy.

Design your leaf

We would like you to design and decorate your leaf as creatively as you can!

- Your Mulberry leaf can be made out of anything! Don't worry if you don't have normal art materials at home – it's time to get creative! All you need is something that you can cut to the right shape – just some ideas are:
- Paper / Card
- Fabric from old clothes or scarves
- An old plastic bag
- Old cereal packets or other food containers
- Old folders, exercise books. If you can find something that is the right colour, that's great! However if you can't, don't worry – you could colour in your leaf in the right colour.

Your design should be in the shape of a Mulberry Leaf, which is on the last page. You can find more images of Mulberry leaves online.

To make your shape, the easiest way will be to copy this shape by hand.

We have made a template of a Mulberry Leaf, which you can find at the back of this pack. If you have a printer at home, you can print out the template, or you can use it to copy from.

SIZE

Your Mulberry leaf does not have to be an exact size, but should be roughly the size of your hand – between 10-15cm in length.

We would suggest making a template on paper first, before cutting out your final material.

To decorate:

Once you have made your leaf, it's time to decorate! This is the fun bit - you can be as creative as you like! We have included lots of ideas here, and you could try one, some, all, or none of them – it's up to you.

- **You need to decorate both sides of your leaf.** This is because it is going to be hung on a tree so both sides will be visible.
- Your design can be as complex or as simple as you like – it could be a simple design drawn with a pencil, or a collage using lots of different materials – it's up to you.

A few ideas to get you started...

Origami



Paint your paper or use coloured paper and then fold to create a 3D effect.

Fabric, Sewing



Use bits of fabric and stitch patterns on. Decorate with beads or buttons.

Printing



Find leaves and cover them with paint. Then print onto paper.

Collage



Cut up pieces of tissue paper, old magazines, tin foil - anything colourful and stick on paper/card.

Paint, ink, pen



Paint your paper and then cut out the leaf shape, or paint/draw patterns inside your leaf shape.

Recycle



Use recycled materials, plastic, metal, dried out tea bags, bubble wrap etc. and stick down onto card from cereal boxes etc.

Don't forget to decorate both sides!