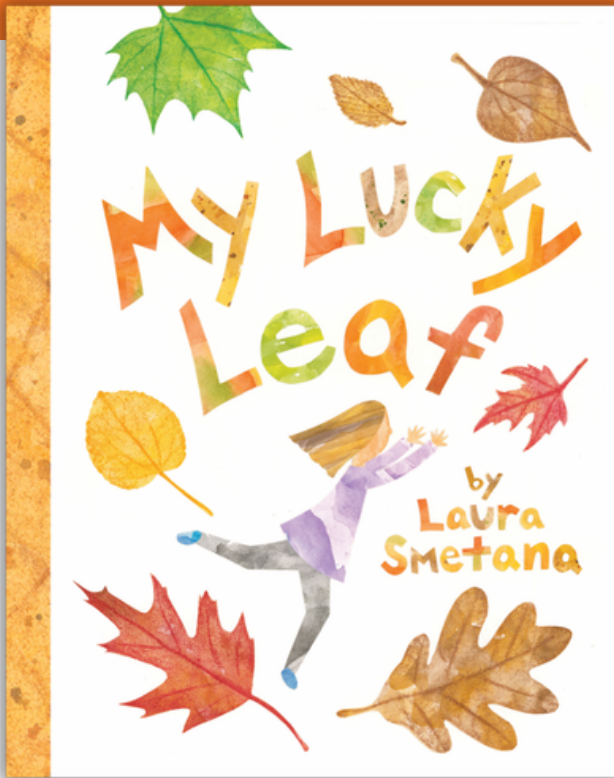


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MY LUCKY LEAF

Written & Illustrated
by Laura Smetana

Perfect for young readers,
My Lucky Leaf is a whimsical
picture book about a child on
a quest to catch a lucky leaf
before it hits the forest floor.



With vivid watercolor collage illustrations crafted from crayon rubbings of actual fall leaves, this playful picture book captures the childhood joys of catching and identifying fall leaves. As leaves of all colors, shapes, and sizes tumble down with each WHOOSH of the wind, a child jumps, leaps, and reaches her way through the forest—while learning the names of leaves along the way. Will her persistence pay off?

Bonus materials include a glossary of fall leaves, a brief history on how Illinois schoolchildren selected the state's tree, seasonal activities with fall leaves, and a look at how the art was created.

“This lyrical ode to leaves is guaranteed to resonate with the burgeoning nature lover in your life. Vibrant illustrations and a whimsical premise make this picture book a must-read for young leaf peepers.”

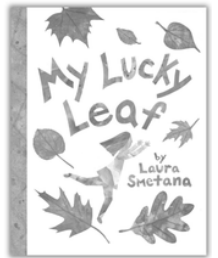
—Kirkus Reviews



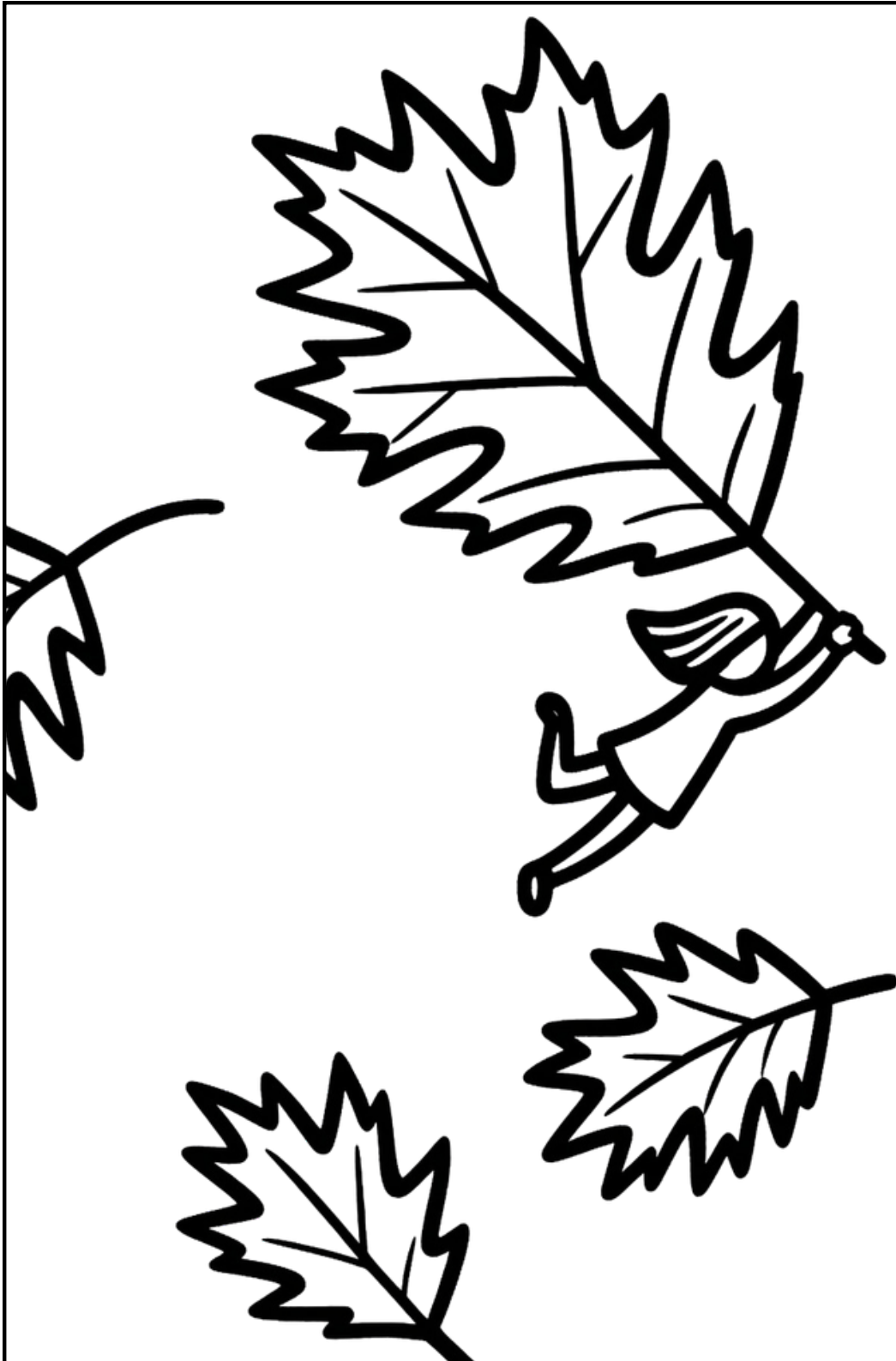
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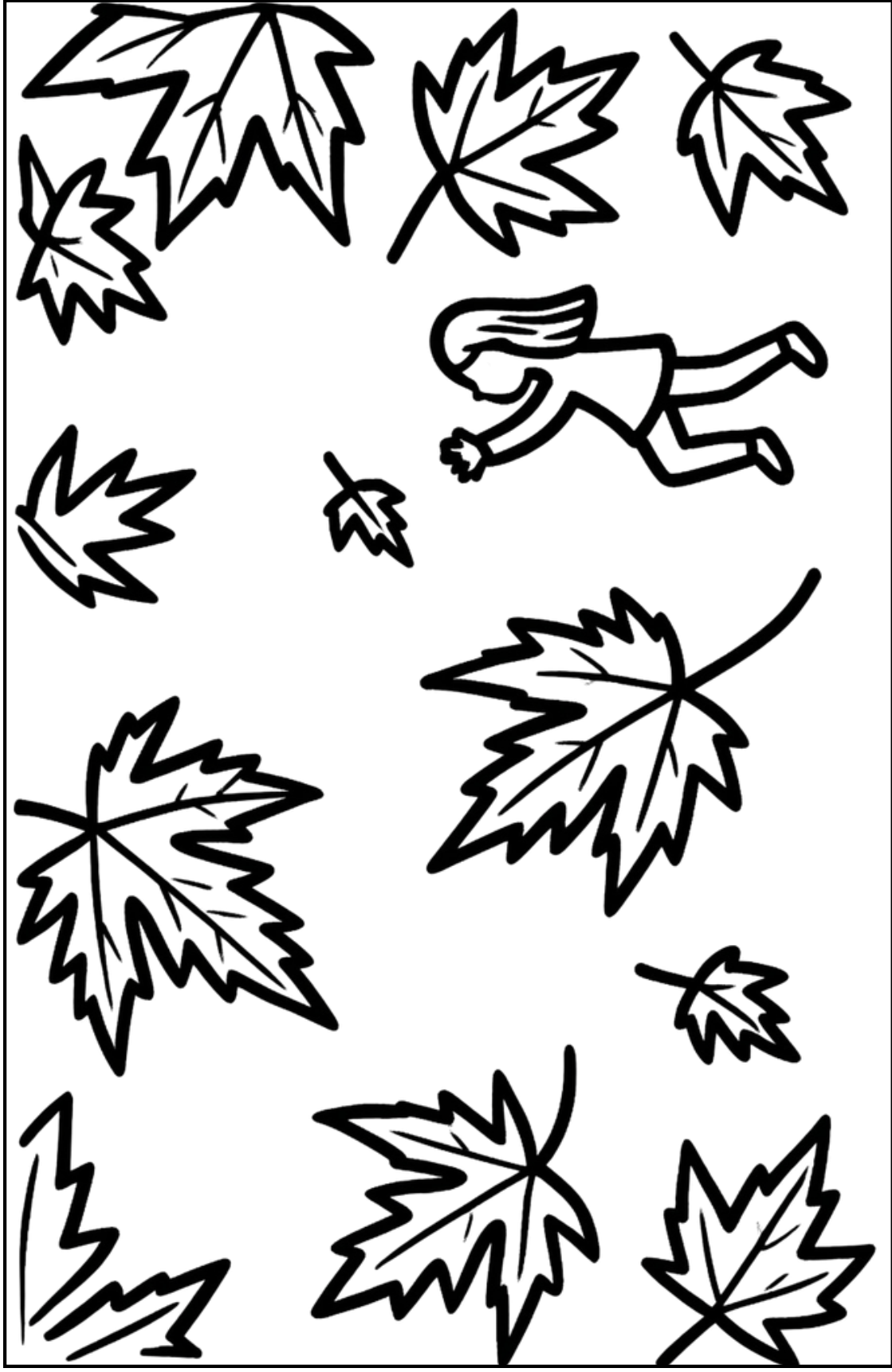


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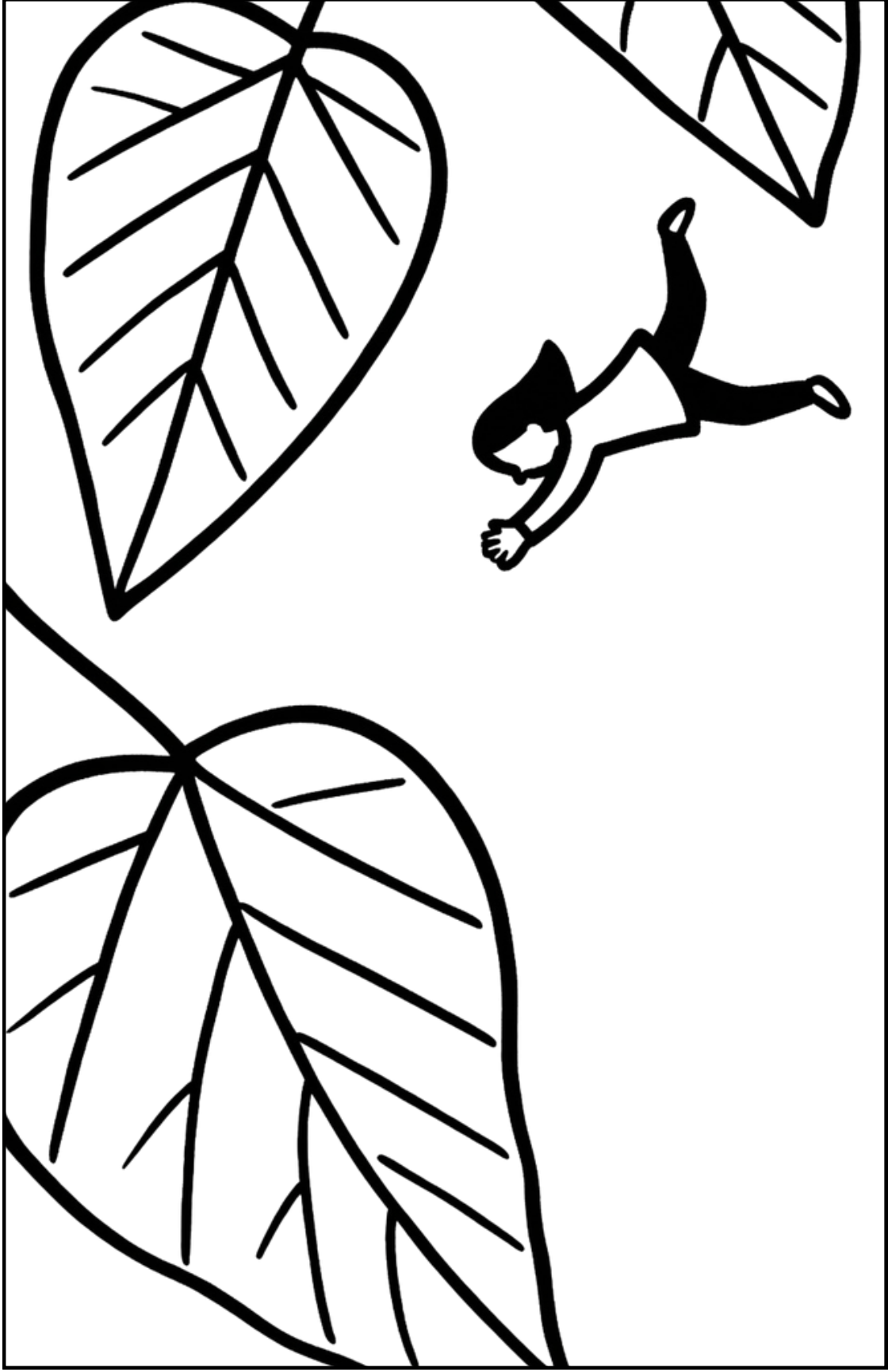


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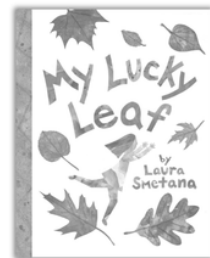
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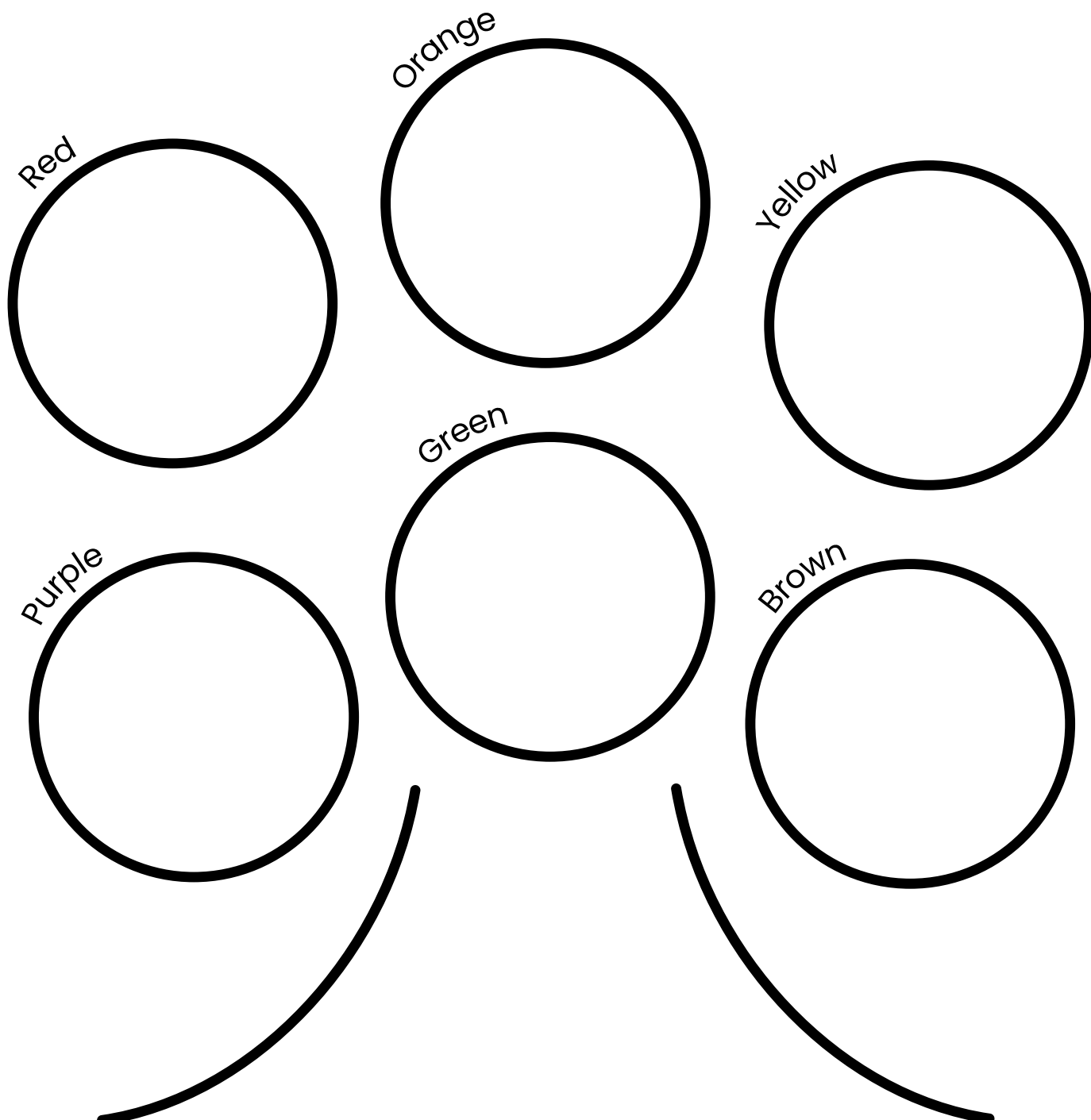
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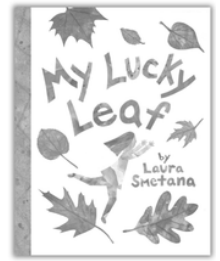
Fall Color Scavenger Hunt

Explore a forest, take a walk outside, or look out your window. Color in each circle as you see a fallen leaf or tree with leaves that color. You can use the glossary in *My Lucky Leaf* to help identify the leaves and trees you find!



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Make Crayon Leaf Rubbings

Step 1. Collect fallen leaves (You can place them under a book to keep them flat.)

Step 2. Place one leaf under this sheet of paper

Step 3. Remove the paper wrapping from a crayon and hold the crayon sideways

Step 4: Rub the crayon over the leaf until you can see the entire leaf appear

Step 5. Repeat the steps above with the other fallen leaves!

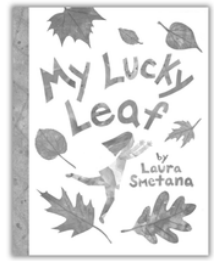
Bonus Idea: Paint over the crayon rubbings with watercolor paint and let dry. If you want to make a leaf collage, you can cut out each leaf and glue onto another piece of paper.



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Make a 'My Lucky Leaf' Collage

Step 1: Color in the leaves and the child

Step 2: Cut out the leaves and child with scissors

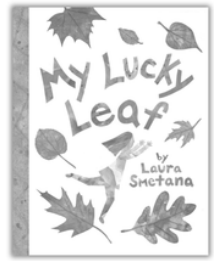
Step 3: Make a background by coloring or painting a blank sheet of paper

Step 4: Glue all the cut-outs onto the background paper!



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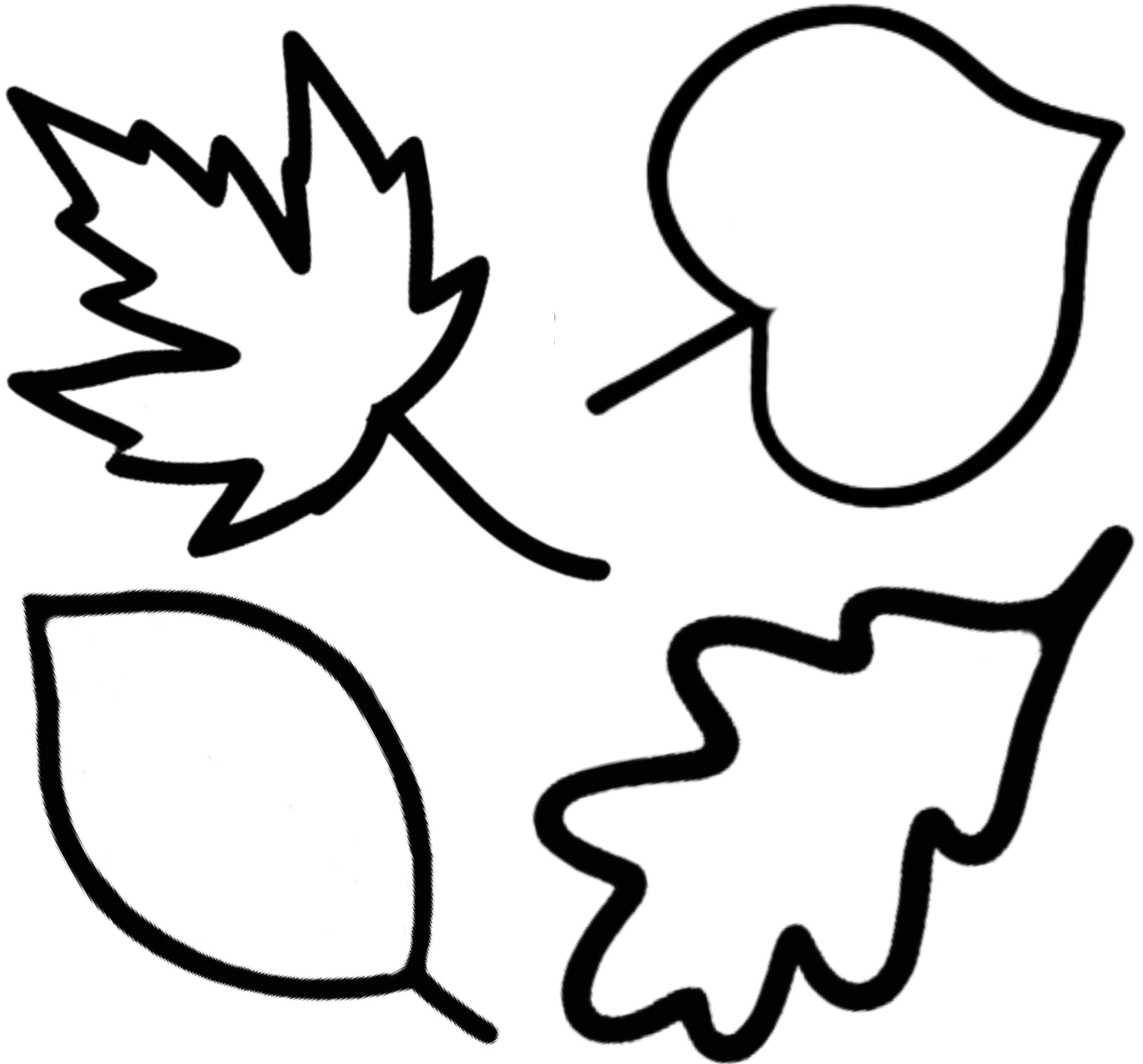


Make Your Own Lucky Leaves

Step 1: Color the leaves below.

Step 2: Write your wishes on the front or back of the leaves.

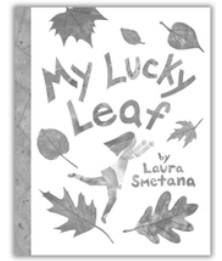
Step 3: Cut out the leaves with scissors



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Fall Color Observation Journal

Choose one tree to observe this fall. Draw what you see and observe how the tree changes over time.

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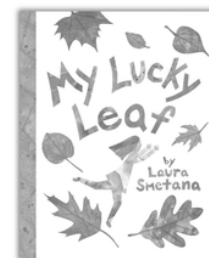
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Word Search Puzzle

Find and circle the words below.

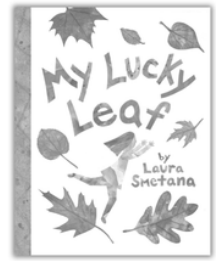
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lucky leaf	linden	northern pin oak	sycamore	green
catch	silver maple	copper beech	redbud	red
fall	sweet-gum	sugar maple	white oak	yellow
colors	ginkgo	shagbark hickory	elm	brown
autumn	red oak	tuliptree	red maple	orange
forest	catalpa	katsura tree	bur oak	wish



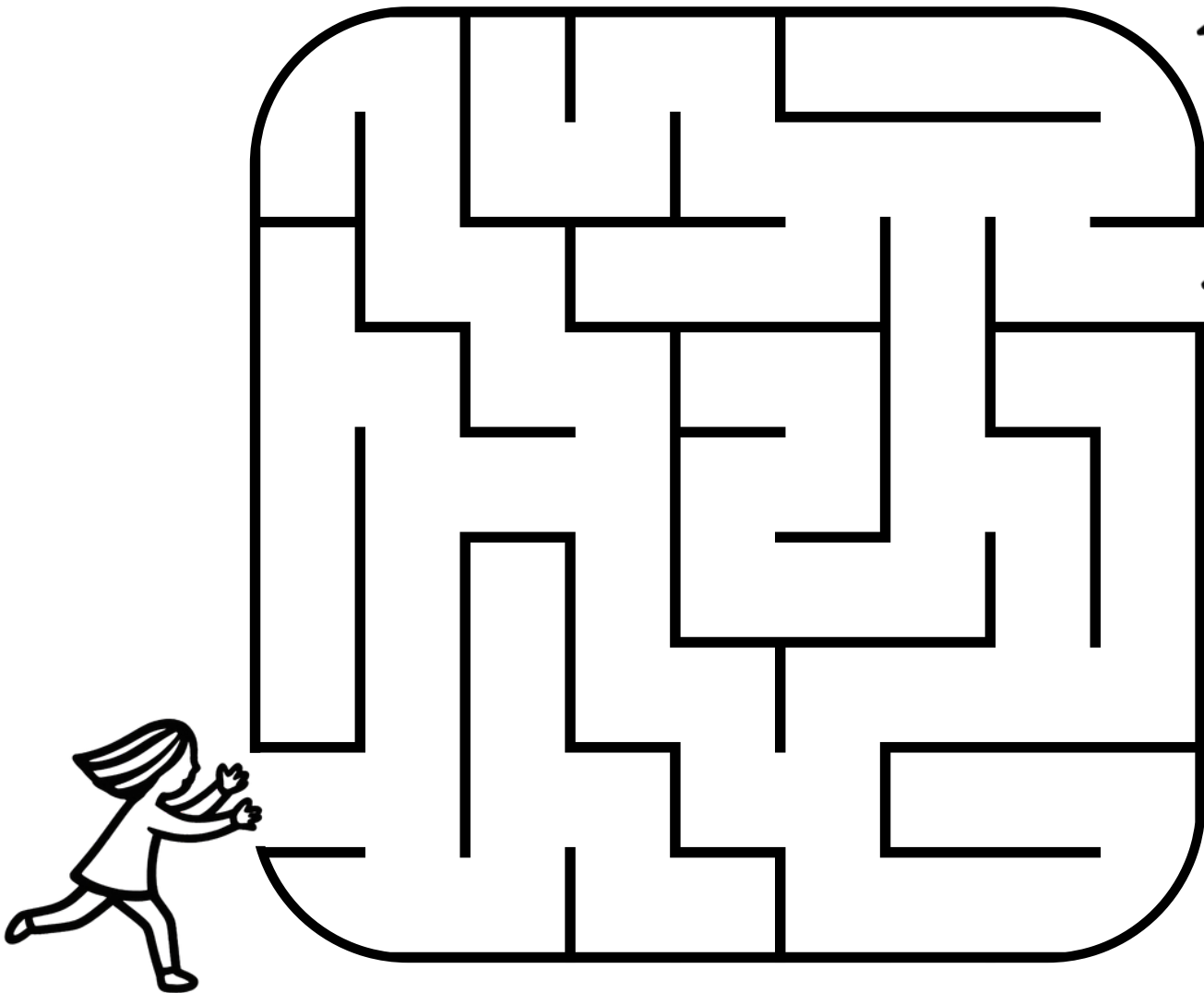
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My Lucky Leaf Maze

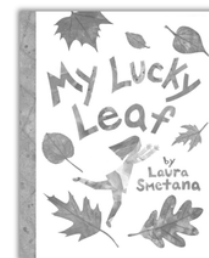
Help the character from My Lucky Leaf jump, leap, and reach her way through the maze to catch a lucky leaf!



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Draw your own lucky leaf

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a thick black border, intended for a child to draw their own lucky leaf inside.

What would you wish for? Why? Write about it below:

Seven horizontal black lines of equal length, stacked vertically, providing space for a child to write their wishes and reasons.

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Draw your own fall scene



Describe your drawing below:



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