



Workbridge Activity Pack

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We're all in this together, so here's a November themed activity pack to keep you busy this week. See you back at Workbridge soon!

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Bonfire Night

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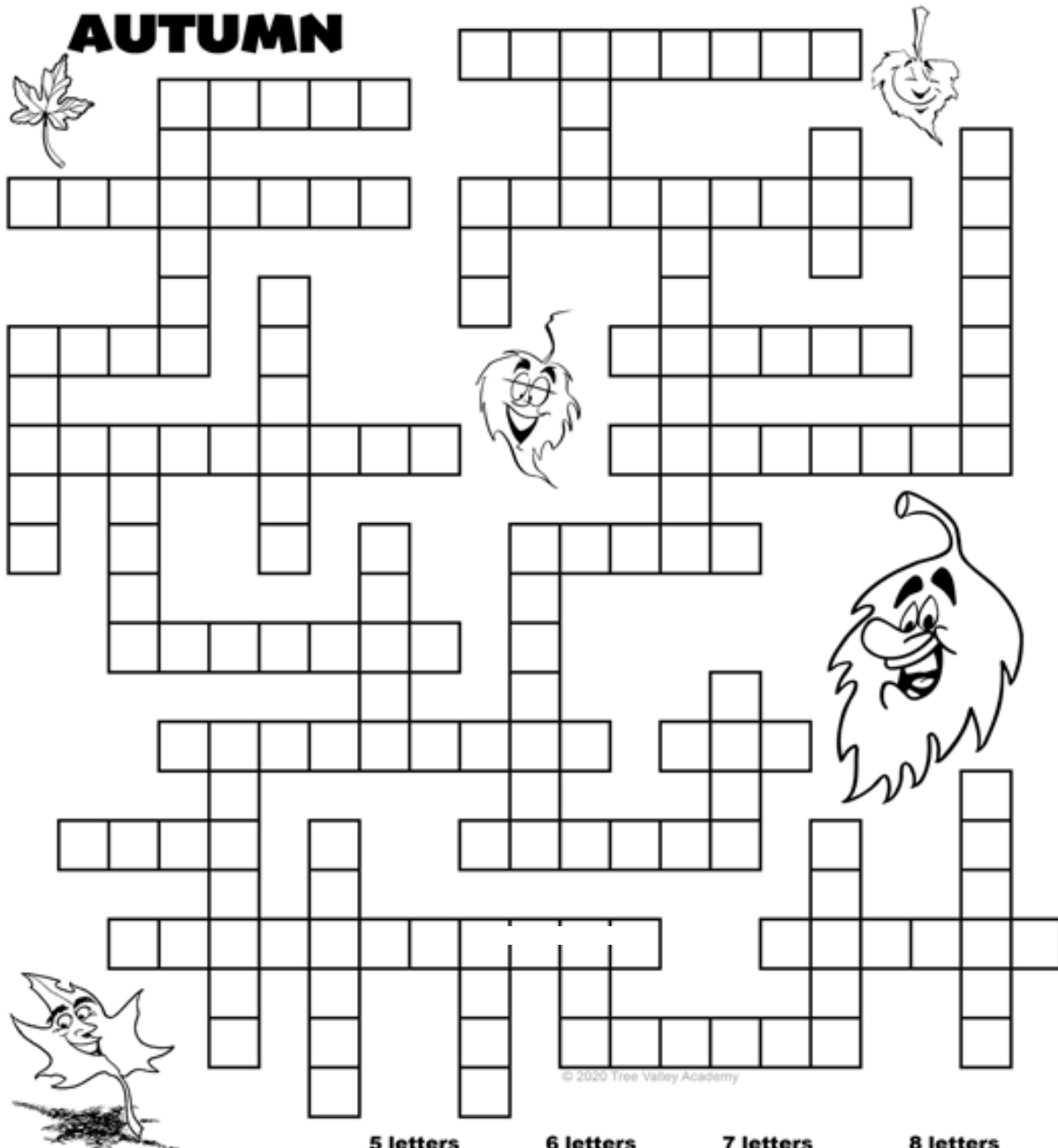
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BONFIRE
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PYROTECHNICS
ROMANCATHOLICS
SQUIB

CATHERINEWHEEL
FIREWORK
GUYFAWKES
PINWHEEL
ROCKET
SMOKE
TOUCHPAPER

Word fit Puzzle

Word Fit puzzles are a type of word puzzle that can be compared to a crossword puzzle. The difference is there are no clues to solve. Instead, the answers to fill in the puzzle are given from the start. The challenge is figuring out where in the puzzle to put each word, so that all the words can be fit into the puzzle...



3 letters

hay
owl
pie
red

4 letters

cool
corn
maze
pear
rake

5 letters

cider
crisp
quilt
socks
spice
trees

6 letters

apples
autumn
colors
leaves
orange
school
season
yellow

7 letters

falling
harvest
pumpkin
sweater

11 letters

wheelbarrow

8 letters

chipmunk
mushroom
orchards
rustling

9 letters

chestnuts
deciduous
pinecones

Fun Bonfire Night Anagrams Quiz

Bonfire Night anagram quiz - the following words are jumbled up versions of Bonfire Night related words and phrases. Can you work out what they are?

1. POWNUGRED TLOP
2. FORKWIRES
3. FUSEGAWKY
4. SENATOR
5. SOUESH FO LIAMPARTEN
6. RIFEBON
7. FEFETO PAPEL
8. MOBNEVER TH5
9. DONNOL 5016
10. GINK MAJES ST1
11. GVONTNEEMR
12. PARKRELS
13. TECROK
14. NEPNY ROF HET YUG
15. RABREL

<u>Answers:</u>		
1. GUNPOWDER PLOT	6. BONFIRE	11. GOVERNMENT
2. FIREWORKS	7. TOFFEE APPLE	12. SPARKLER
3. GUY FAWKES	8. NOVEMBER 5TH	13. ROCKET
4. TREASON	9. LONDON 1605	14. PENNY FOR THE GUY
5. HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT	10. KING JAMES 1ST	15. BARREL

Fun Facts about the Month of November

Festivals, Celebration and Legend...

Diwali

The festival of Diwali takes place every year and lasts for five days, marking the start of the Hindu New Year. The exact dates change each year and are determined by the position of the moon - but it usually falls between October and November. In 2020, Diwali falls on Saturday November 14th.

The word Diwali (or Deepavali as it's sometimes called) means "row of lights" in an Ancient language of India, called Sanskrit. During this festival, people decorate their homes with lights and oil lamps, called diyas. A popular tradition during Diwali is creating Rangoli. These are beautiful patterns made using colourful powders and flowers, and people draw rangoli on the floor by the entrances of their homes to welcome the gods and bring good luck!



Rangoli (left) and Workbridge ceramic tea light holders (right)

Gunpowder Plot

The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 involved several prominent places and characters in and around Northamptonshire. In 1597, Sir Everard Digby - a Catholic - became the new owner of Gayhurst Manor in Buckinghamshire, and rebuilt the house to include a secret room where a priest could be hidden, and a hidden chapel where Mass could be said. Everard Digby was friends with another Catholic, Robert Catesby of Ashby St Ledger, who visited Gayhurst often. Another visitor to Gayhurst was Guy Fawkes, and the plot was hatched to blow up Parliament and the king with it. Other secret meetings took place in a

room over the gateway to the Manor House at Ashby St. Ledger. The Gunpowder plotters were betrayed by another Northamptonshire Catholic, Francis Tresham of Rushton. So, on the morning of November 5th 1605, Guy Fawkes was caught red-handed in a cellar underneath Parliament with thirty-six barrels of gunpowder. Everard Digby was in Worcestershire, hoping to support a Catholic uprising in the countryside, while Robert Catesby was to be go-between for Digby and the plotters in London. In the end, it was with disastrous news that Catesby rode from London - the plot had failed and Guy Fawkes had been arrested.

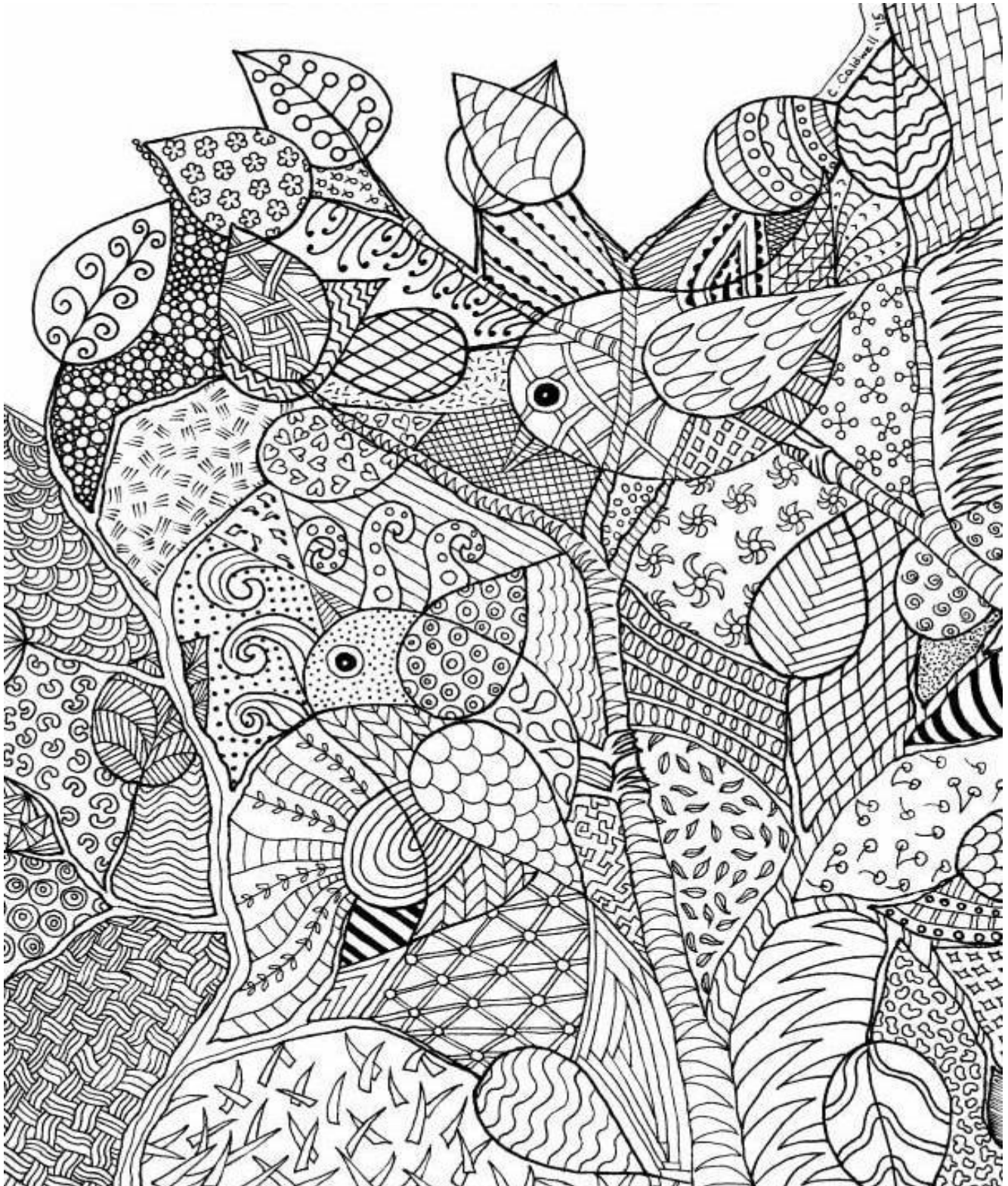


Dia de los Muertos

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, combines ancient Mesoamerican customs of remembrance with the Catholic holidays, All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd), brought to the Americas by Spanish invaders in the early 1500s. During Day of the Dead, people set up candlelit altars - called ofrendas - so spirits can find their way back to their relatives. The altars are decorated with marigold flowers and offerings of food for the deceased. Items that were important to the ancestors when they were alive, such as a favourite book or musical instrument, are placed on the altar as well. A popular Day of the Dead tradition is the miniature and life-size skeletons - made of papier-mâché or clay - that can be seen everywhere. These are not scary symbols, but a reminder that death is just a part of life - and this is why they are brightly decorated. The skeletons are posed doing all sorts of wacky things, such as playing guitar, taking baths, or making tortillas!

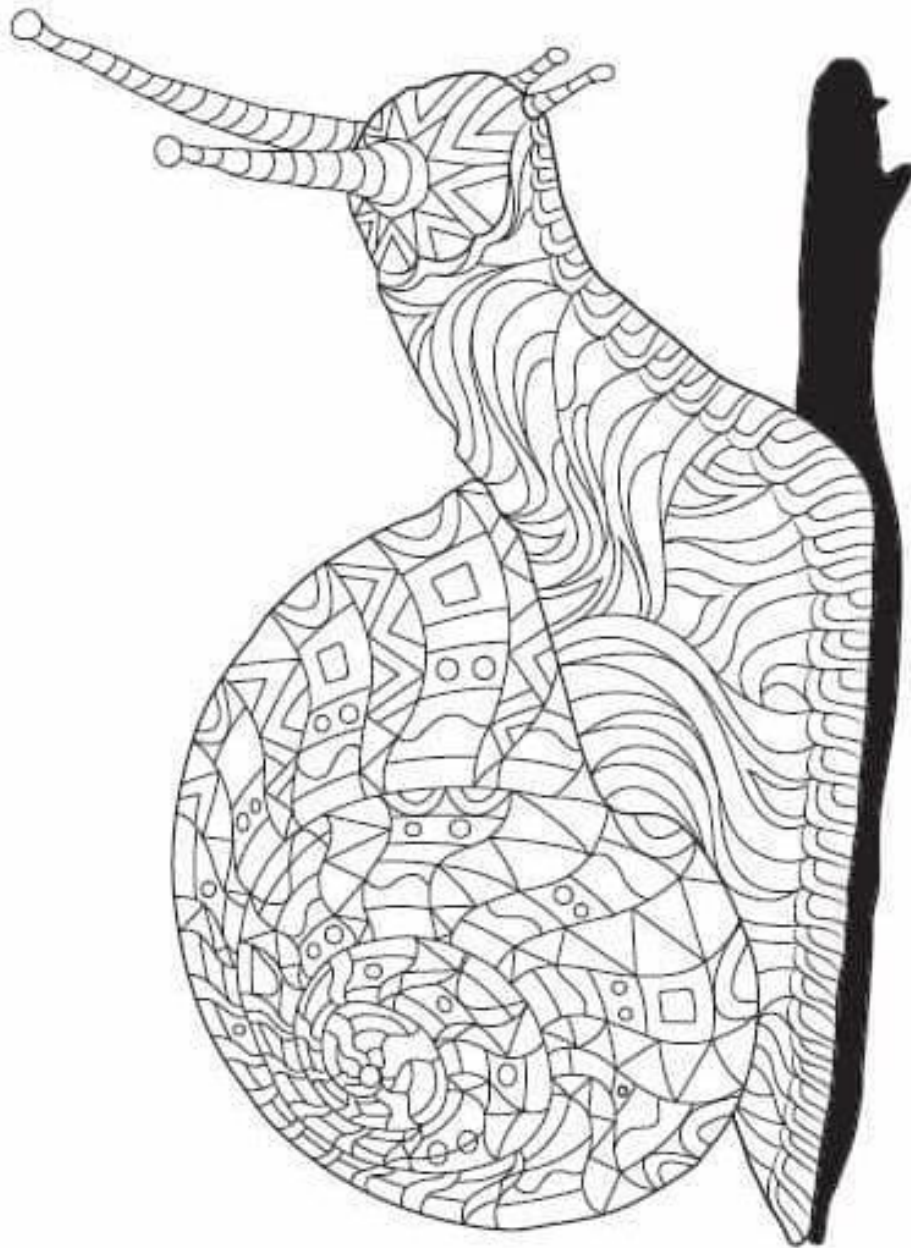
Mindful Colouring Pages

Patchwork Hedgerow



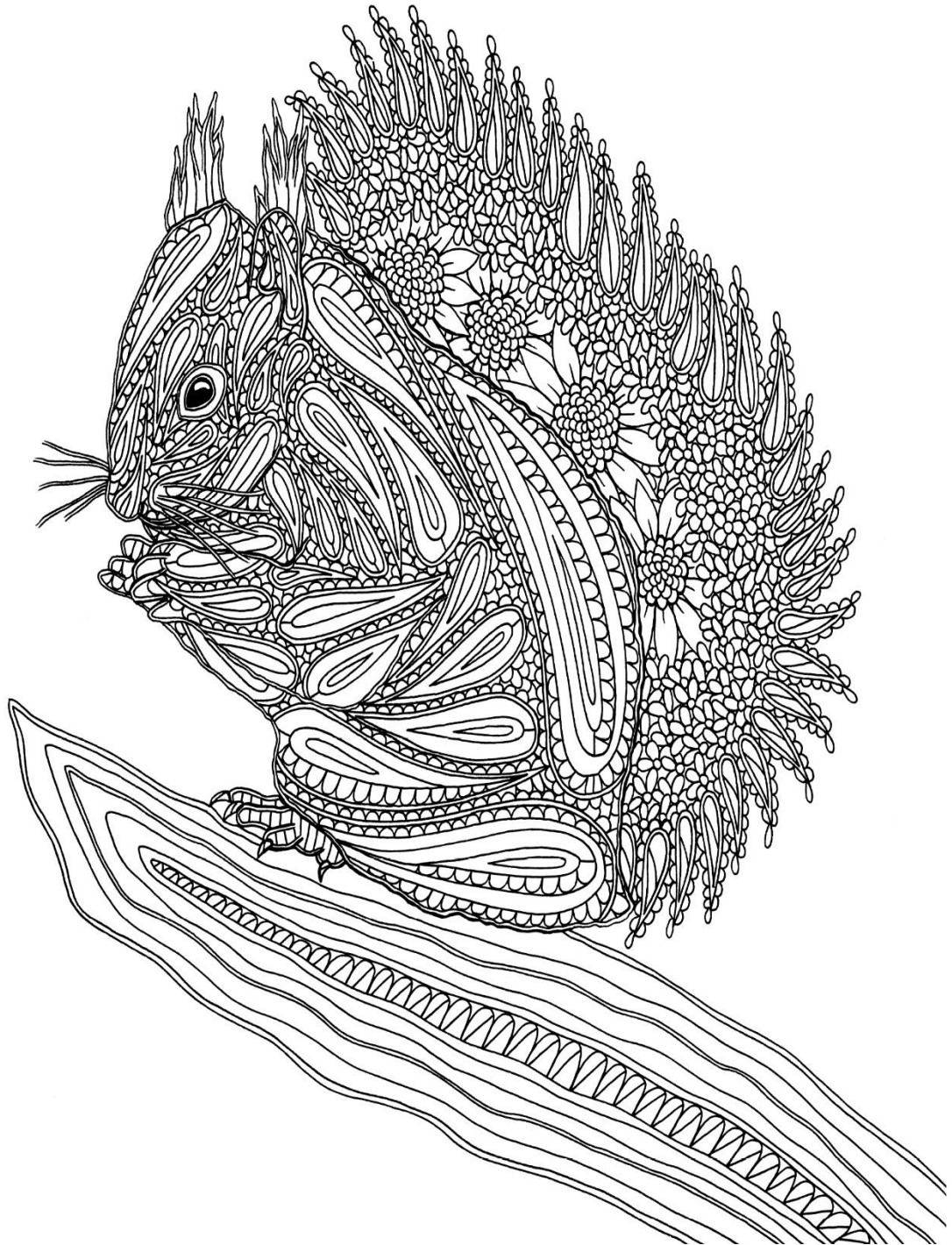
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Autumn Snail



Mindful Colouring Pages

Psychic Squirrel



Hunting for Pine cones



When you are next out and about walking in the park or large wooded areas look out for Pine cones, they are a symbol of autumn. Scattering the woodland floor among crunchy fallen leaves and pine needles, a pine cone hunt can be fun and rewarding and with gathering pine cones there are some fun ways to use them.

When do pine cones fall?

Pine cones mostly fall to the ground in autumn, so they can usually be found from September through to December. The best place to look for them is under conifer trees in woods, parks and gardens.

How do I prepare them to use to decorate or keep in the home?

1. Remove any dirt or dust or pine needles stuck on the pine cones with a small brush, (you can use an old toothbrush)
2. Soak your pine cones for 10-20 minutes in a bucket of water with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of white vinegar. This helps to kill any bugs or mildew and remove settled in dirt. The pine cones will close up more tightly when they get wet.
3. Place the pine cones on old newspapers to dry overnight.
4. Bake in the oven on ovenproof baking paper and check regularly.

Ombre Painting Pinecone Craft Activity



Ombre is a French term meaning “shaded” usually in a multicolored stripe, with colors graduating from light to dark. It is easy to achieve on pine cones and looks so pretty!

All you need to start with is three different colors of paint. One light tone, one medium tone, and one darker tone: for example bright orange, dark yellow and pale yellow.

Materials needed

- A treated pinecone
- Acrylic paint in three or four different shade of the same color
- A small or fine paintbrush
- An old toothbrush

Instructions

1. Take your small brush or toothbrush and clean off any dirt or bugs outdoor.
2. Take your paint brush and apply the first shade on to 1/4 of the pinecone

starting with the darkest shade at the bottom of the pinecone and working your way up.

3. Continue painting the next shade to the next 1/4 of the pinecone.

4. Repeat step 3 with the rest of the shades until you reach the top.

Depending on the size of the pinecone you can either use three shades for a small to medium size pinecone or four different shades for a large size pinecone. This will allow you to clearly see the ombre effect.

The simplicity of adding just a bit of color to the tip of the pinecone can really transform it into something that is vibrant and decorative.



Bonfire Brownies



What you will need for the Brownie mixture:

Takes less than an 1 hour and cuts into 16 pieces

125g unsalted butter (at room temperature)

175g light brown muscovado sugar

3 large eggs

100g plain flour

30g cocoa powder

1 tsp vanilla extract (optional)

100g pecan pieces or chocolate chips (optional)

To finish:

100g mini marshmallows

100g unsalted butter

40g cocoa powder

3 tbs milk

300g of icing sugar

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/ gas 6. Grease a 25.5 x 20.5 x 5cm tin (my tin was smaller and still fit the brownie mixture) with butter and line the base with baking paper.
2. Put the soft butter and sugar into a mixing bowl and beat together with a wooden spoon or electric whisk until creamy and smooth.
3. Add the eggs to the creamed mixture a little at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Add the flour, cocoa and vanilla extract if using (I don't really like vanilla extract so left this out). Stir in the nuts and chocolate chips if using (I only added chocolate chips but I think a combination of both would work really well). When everything is thoroughly combined, scrape the mixture into the prepared tin and ensure the mixture is spread evenly.
5. Bake for 15 minutes. The brownie mixture will be soft on top and very hot. Remove from the oven and scatter over the marshmallows, then return to the oven and bake for a further 5 minutes until the marshmallows are starting to melt. Remove from the oven and set on a heatproof surface.
6. Melt the butter for the icing in a saucepan over low heat (or in the microwave on the lowest setting). Remove from the heat and add the cocoa, milk and icing sugar. Stir thoroughly to make a thick and smooth fudgy icing.
7. Pour the warm icing over the brownie and melted marshmallows and quickly spread over the top.
8. Leave to cool then cut into squares and remove from the tin.

THIS RECIPE WAS TAKEN FROM GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF: LEARN TO BAKE - BONFIRE BROWNIES RECIPE.