

**Title:** Leaf Man

**Bibliographic Information:** Ehlert, Lois. Leaf Man. Harcourt, Inc. ISBN: 0-15-205304-2

**Synopsis:** This simple story follows the Leaf Man as he blows in the wind and passes the chickens and ducks, the pumpkins and carrots and a flock of birds. He travels over the prairies, meadows, mountains and lakes. Finally he comes to rest at the reader's feet and invites the reader to listen for the Leaf Man's rustle. The pages are shape pages and the color is dazzlingly fall collages. The objects that are passed are all fashioned from different leaves. This is a joyful voyage for language and sight.

**Author information:** Lois Ehlert is the Caldecott Honor winning author and illustrator of *Color Zoo*, as well as *Color Farm*, and *Circus*. She is also the illustrator of many other books including *Crocodile Smile* by Sarah Weeks, and *A Pair of Socks* by Stuart J. Murphy. She lives in Milwaukee, WI. She says, "Whenever I see a beautiful leaf, I have to pick it up. I can't help myself; it's something I've done all my life."

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**Activities:** Children can collect leaves and try and find out what kind of leaf they have found using the end pages of this book. They could also collect leaves and fashion their own leaf man and write about the travels of their leaf man.

**Discussion Questions:** What might a leaf man see if he flew over our town?

What colors are fall leaves? What colors are missing? Why do you think that is?