

Play Odd Leaf Out.

To help you learn which leaves go with which trees, play a game called Odd Leaf Out. This is a variation on the card game Old Maid.

To make the deck of cards, collect two leaves from each of several different trees. (For the Odd Leaf, you'll only need one sample.) Mount the leaves on large index cards, label them (using a tree guide to help you identify any trees you don't know), and cover with clear Contact paper.

Play the game as you would Old Maid. You can also use the deck of cards to play Leaf Lotto. Remove the Odd Leaf from the deck and you've got everything you need to play that popular matching game.

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If any of the leaves you've collected are too big for the index cards, draw a scaled down picture of the leaf on the card.