

Spring twig collage with Latin labels

frons: leaf

ramulus: twig

gemma: bud

amentum: catkin

carpinus: hornbeam tree

You need plain photocopier/printer paper and watercolour paint.

Paint a green area for the leaves, brown for the twig and one or two stripey green and light brown areas for the catkins. Try keep your greens realistic!

Paint a whole sheet of A4 with a light blue, pinning down the corners so it dries flat.

For the leaves, cut out the two halves separately, and then concertina fold the leaf pieces like the photo at bottom right. Cut out long sausage shapes for catkins, and fold them with tiny concertina folds. Snip the corners of the folds if you like, to make them more realistic. The twigs are just flat shapes, and the buds have two little folds in.

Stick the collage down with double sided tape or a glue stick.

Cut out the Latin labels and stick them on, or hand-letter the labels on the painting.

