Help your students with their letter recognition skills with this lesson that has them make their own Autumn Alphabet Tree. This hands-on activity is great even for the most restless students, as they will constantly have something to do.

Learning Objectives
Students will be able to identify the letters of the alphabet.

Materials and Preparation

Materials
- Construction paper in red, yellow, orange, and brown
- Glue
- Black markers
- Scissors
- *Chicka Chicka ABC* by Bill Martin Jr

Preparation
- Cut leaves from the red, yellow, and orange papers, 26 leaves per student.
- On one set of leaves, write the 26 letters of the alphabet.
- Cut the brown paper into tree trunk shapes complete with branches.
Lesson

Introduction (5 minutes)

- Invite students to group time and sing *Autumn leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down. Autumn leaves are falling down, red, orange, yellow and brown* to the tune of *London Bridge is Falling Down*.
- Drop a few leaves into the circle of your group. Ask students to pick up a leaf and tell you what is written on it.
- Tell the students that today they are going to make an Autumn Alphabet Tree.

Explicit Instruction/Teacher Modeling (15 minutes)

- Read *Chicka Chicka ABC*.
- Assemble an alphabet tree in front of the class.
- Glue the tree trunk with branches onto a piece of construction paper. Pick up one letter leaf at a time and glue it around the branches.
- Once a few letters are glued, point to each letter leaf and say its name.

Guided Practice/Interactive Modeling (10 minutes)

- Invite the students to pick a letter leaf and glue it onto the branches. Go around the group so all students get a turn and all the letters are glued to the tree.
- Point to all the letters and say their names.
- Draw your students’ attention to the colors of the leaves. Explain that during Autumn, leaves change to these colors.

Independent Working Time (15 minutes)

- Send students back to their tables.
- Hand out construction paper, trunks, 26 leaves, and glue to each student.
- Display the letters of the alphabet for students to copy down on their leaves.
- Pin up the tree you made as a group where it will be visible to all the students.
- Have students write the letters of the alphabet on the leaves given, then glue them down onto the branches of their tree.
- Provide assistance if needed.

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Extend

Differentiation

- **Enrichment:** Students can be encouraged to cut out the leaf shapes by themselves.
- **Support:** Write the letters of the alphabet on the leaves prior to giving them to struggling students.

Related Books and/or Media

Review

Assessment *(5 minutes)*

- Walk around the classroom as the students are doing the activity.
- Provide assistance if needed.
- Observe if the students are able to complete the tree.
- Ask questions about the letters they are gluing down.

Review and Closing *(5 minutes)*

- Call the class back to group time.
- Review all the letters and sing the ABC song.
- Review the colors of the leaves, and ask what season has the leaves change to those colors.