

***Autumn* by Workgroup BTB, Estonia**

Workgroup BTB ('Beautiful Tactile Books') has been producing tactile books for children since 2000.

Autumn is inspired by nature and the desire to teach visually-impaired children about it. By introducing a child's hands to different kinds of mushrooms, leaves and seeds we hope to teach them to tell them apart when they find them in the real world.

Our book is 29 x 25 x 12cms and we used lots of different fabrics, paper, strings and leathers as well as real cones and branches. The most difficult part was finding appropriate materials which felt as natural as possible. If we find more suitable materials we would use them in any future copies of this book.

A member of the BTB workgroup is visually-impaired and she gives advice and feedback on all aspects from the smallest detail to the whole book

Making books like this is a very enjoyable, interesting, creative and time-consuming process. We felt a surprisingly childish joy when we finished a page, or a detail of an illustration, and knew we had done it to the very best of our ability at present.

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