

# Social Media Marvels at Russia's Autumnal Crosswalk

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A Russian crosswalk has become a social media sensation for its creative depiction of fallen autumn leaves.

Photos of the gradually receding white stripes with the shapes of leaves and birds scattered across a pedestrian crossing in Russia's fourth-largest city of Yekaterinburg were [barely noticed](#) when they first [appeared](#) online last month.

But the artistic sidewalk on a small side street gained widespread recognition this week when it was posted on Reddit and Russia's Pikabu imageboard, racking up almost 9,000 likes on each platform.

Russian commenters immediately [joked](#) that "a hungover street sweeper will rack his brain" over the painted-on leaves "[until he gets it.](#)"

Others [compared](#) the sidewalk to Marvel superhero movie villain Thanos, who makes people

disintegrate at the snap of his fingers.

“Is this like the Canadian [“Avengers” superhero movie] Endgame?” [asked](#) one user, who was [echoed](#) by another user saying the sidewalk was caused by a “Canadian Thanos.”

Reddit users also seized on the crosswalk’s depiction of maple leaves, a prominent Canadian symbol.

“The maple leaf is Canadian intellectual property. No other nation can legally use, paint or advertise maple leaves on their property without the consent of the Canadian [foreign ministry],” one user quipped.

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