



Kid Crafts



Luminous Leaf Lanterns

Supplies

- ◆ leaves pressed (at least 36 hours)
- ◆ mod podge
- ◆ paint brush
- ◆ glass jar or bowl (Mason jar or spaghetti sauce jar)
- ◆ LED tea light or tea light candle

Instructions

1. To begin, paint a thick layer of mod podge onto your glass surface then place leaves on top
2. Paint thickly over the leaves. Don't worry if they don't lie flat in all places, the leaves seem to hold strong once the mod podge dries. Let the mod podge dry completely before moving
3. Place a LED tea light or a tea light candle inside the lantern and place in your favorite spot !!!

Leaf Printed Autumn Banner

Supplies

- ◆ Cardstock
- ◆ Various shapes and sizes of leaves
- ◆ Assorted colors of acrylic or tempera paint
- ◆ Foam paintbrush
- ◆ Rolling pin
- ◆ Hole punch
- ◆ Twine
- ◆ Paper towels or wipes for messy finger



Instructions

1. Start by gathering your leaves – softer leaves work best for printing, so leave the crunchy ones on the ground and seek out the more flexible and green ones.
2. Pour several different colors of paint onto a paper plate or baking sheet into a thin layer, overlapping to create a marbled effect.
3. Older children can use a foam paint brush to dab the marbled paint on to their leaf. Younger children can dip their leaf directly into the paint tray, but be sure that there isn't too much paint on the leaf or it will result in a gloppy and distorted print. Avoid this by using only a very thin layer of paint in the paint tray if you intend to dip your leaves into it.
4. Sandwich your painted leaf between two sheets of cardstock and lightly roll over the stack with a rolling pin. Use firm but gentle pressure for the best printing results.
5. Remove the top piece of cardstock and carefully peel up the leaf to reveal the print.
6. To create a banner from your leaf prints, cut your prints to your desired shape and size, punch a hole in the top corners and string them along a piece of twine.



Tissue Paper Fall Tree Craft

Supplies

- ◆ red, yellow, orange and gold tissue paper (cut into squares)
- ◆ paper plate
- ◆ cardboard
- ◆ brown paint
- ◆ small paper plate
- ◆ school glue
- ◆ stapler

Instructions

1. Start by cutting a rectangle out of your cardboard for your tree trunk. Cut another small section out to use as a stamp to make texture onto your tree trunk. Pour a small amount of brown paint onto a paper plate and using the end of the extra cardboard piece, dip it into the brown paint and then onto your cardboard trunk. Make lines up and down your trunk. (As an alternative and to save time, you could also use a brown marker to make the lines on the tree trunk.)
2. Add school glue onto one section on the back of a paper plate and then scrunch and add tissue paper onto the paper plate. Continue adding glue and tissue paper to different sections until it is full.
3. Staple your tree trunk onto the bottom of your paper plate.

Scarecrow Craft

Supplies

- ◆ Brown stock paper (3 pieces per scarecrow)
- ◆ Scissors or paper cutter
- ◆ Hot glue
- ◆ White glue
- ◆ Large craft google eyes
- ◆ Orange, yellow, green or red construction paper
- ◆ Raffia
- ◆ Pipe cleaner (optional)



Instructions

1. Take 2 square pieces of paper and start folding each piece back and forth like an accordion. These 2 pieces will make up the pin wheel.
2. Cut the ends if you desire a certain shape.
3. Next fold your accordion paper in half at the center and glue the 2 pieces together where they meet with a hot glue gun.
4. The final step to making the pin wheel is to use hot glue or double sided tape to stick the 2 halves together. The adhesive goes on one side and then you stretch them until they meet.
5. Cut out the scarecrow hat ([click here](#)). Have kids trace the hat template onto a fall paper color of their choice. Cut it out.
6. Cut raffia to the length of scarecrow hair desired. You will only need two little stacks for either side of the hat.
7. Glue down raffia by making a pile of glue on both sides of the pinwheel. You can lay down your hat as a guide to where the hair should go. It will be a mess and glue will be dripping down the cracks. Just know that the white glue will dry and the raffia will stick. You just don't want to mess with it much.
8. Add glue across the top where the hat should sit. Lay the hat in place.
9. Glue a ribbon on the hat. Glue google eyes in place. Glue a triangle paper nose to the center.
10. Glue on a mouth. The kids wanted to cut their own mouths out of paper. I used a pipe cleaner to make mine.

Fall Leaf Sun Collectors

Supplies

- ♦ Tissue paper
- ♦ Card stock
- ♦ Clear contact paper/self adhesive laminating paper
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Glue Stick
- ♦ Black construction paper
- ♦ [Leaves](#)—template



Instructions

1. First, print the fall leaf templates on white card stock and cut them out. For thicker lines, we traced the templates onto black construction paper and then cut them out. You will need 2 identical leaf outlines for each sun catcher. Then place one leaf outline onto the sticky side of a piece of contact paper or self adhesive laminating paper.
2. Cut up your tissue paper into small squares. Layer the tissue paper onto the contact paper. Don't worry about if you go outside the outline, this will be trimmed off later.
3. Using a glue stick, glue the second leaf outline on top of the tissue paper.
4. Place another piece of clear contact paper on top and press down to smooth out any bubbles. Trim the excess contact paper with scissors.
5. Stick your sun catcher onto a window with double sided tape and enjoy the beautiful fall colors as the sun shines through the tissue paper.



Thanksgiving Napkin Rings

Supplies

- ♦ Cardboard Tubes (toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, gift wrap, etc.), cut into 1 1/2" sections.
- ♦ Felt, fabric, ribbon or twine to cover your cardboard tubes
- ♦ Embellishments to decorate your napkin rings – felt, leaves, buttons, beads, faux flowers
- ♦ Craft glue or a hot glue gun (with adult supervision)
- ♦ Binder clips or paper clips (optional)

Instructions

1. Cover your tube sections with your choice of materials. We used the items listed above, but paper, colored tape or paint would also work well. Binder clips or paper clips are handy for holding ends and edges while your glue dries.
2. Embellish your napkin rings to match your Thanksgiving table. Heavier items may need to be glued on with a hot glue gun or stronger adhesive. Insert your napkins, and you're ready to show off your personalized holiday decorations!



Popsicle Stick Scarecrow Magnet

Supplies

- ♦ Popsicle Sticks
- ♦ Craft Paint (orange, white, black, and red)
- ♦ Raffia
- ♦ Cardstock or Cardboard
- ♦ Hot Glue Gun & Glue
- ♦ Elmer's Glue
- ♦ Magnets

Instructions

1. Start off by using Elmer's glue to glue on your craft sticks, 7 of them, to your cardstock or cardboard. It really doesn't matter what you use for the backing just as long as it is strong enough to support the sticks. Also, make sure that you cut your backing so that it's no longer or wider than the popsicle sticks. Let dry!
2. This is the step the parent will want to help with. Hot glue a few strands of the raffia onto one craft stick for the scarecrow's hair. Once the hot glue is dry you can then glue the stick onto the rest of the scarecrow body.
3. We choose to paint the scarecrow at this point. If you think it would be easier for your kids to paint prior to attaching the hairpiece then you can do that beforehand. We just found it easier to paint afterward. Let the paint dry before continuing.
4. The next step is to paint on the adorable face. Depending on the age and painting skill level of your children you could always paint the face on for them or cut out pieces of felt or foam and attach with glue. We didn't add anything to the hat but you could also add a flower and turn this into a scarecrow girl. Just dress it up, however, you like it.
5. Attach magnets to the back of your scarecrow. We used two .75 inch adhesive magnets to hold ours up. That's it, you are all done with your popsicle stick scarecrow.

Paper Plate Owl Craft

Supplies

- ♦ Colored paper plate
- ♦ Colored foam craft sheets or construction paper
- ♦ Googly eyes
- ♦ Glue
- ♦ Scissors

Instructions

1. Start with your favorite colored plate
2. Cut out and glue two circles (one larger than the other) onto the plate to make each eye.
3. Glue googly eyes onto the smaller circles
4. Cut out 2 triangle foam ears and 1 triangle foam mouth and glue to the plate.
5. Cut out 2 heart shaped feet and 5 heart shaped feathers and glue to the plate.
6. Finish up by cutting 2 wings (leaf shaped) and placing 1 on each side of the plate.



Paper Pumpkins For Fall

Supplies Needed

- ♦ Red, green, and brown construction paper
- ♦ Toilet paper roll
- ♦ Tape
- ♦ Scissors

Instructions

1. Cut strips from a red piece of paper then cut a little off at the end otherwise the apple will look like a pumpkin.
2. Put a piece of tape on the end of the red strip and stick it on the inside of the toilet paper roll. Then do the same on the bottom of the tube. Make sure one side is flat so that the apple can stand up on its own.
3. In the spaces between, add more strips of red paper to fill in the apple.
4. Tape the brown stem and a green leaf onto the back of the apple inside. There you have yourself a cute little recycled apple craft!



Pinecone Hedgehogs

Supplies

- ♦ A selection of pinecones
- ♦ Felt – we used black, brown and pale beige
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Low melt glue gun
- ♦ Googly eyes



Instructions

1. If the pinecones you collect are all closed up, that will be due to them being damp, so they need drying out. You can let them dry out naturally by place in a bowl on the windowsill.
2. The size of the felt cut will depend on the size of your pinecones.
3. This really is a sample craft. Cut the face in the shape of a triangle with the corners rounded and used two different colors of felt. Then cut circular noses out of the black felt.
4. Using a low melt glue gun we stuck the noses on to the face and also used it to stick googly eyes on to the felt faces before gluing the faces to the pinecone hedgehogs.



Pony Bread (Indian Corn)

Supplies

- ◆ 4 Tan pipe cleaners
- ◆ Pony beads in yellow, orange, white, and maroon.

Instructions

1. Take two of your pipe cleaners and make an "X". Twist them around each other in the middle
2. Take two more pipe cleaners and wrap them around the middle the same way.
3. Now let the kids go at it with the beads! Leave a couple inches at the end of each pipe cleaner .
4. Bring all of the ends together. Take one of the pipe ends and wrap it around the others. Wrap another piece of pipe cleaner around the stem if it's not secure enough, and you are done!

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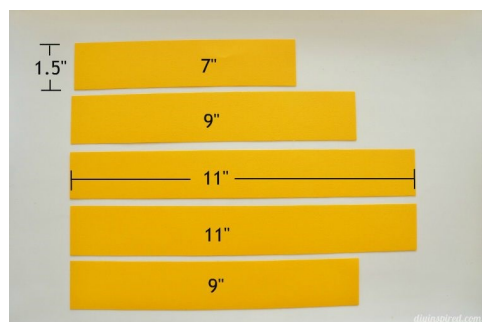
Supplies

- ◆ 2-Colored/Patterned paper of choice 8.5 by 11 sheets)
- ◆ Paper Cutter
- ◆ Double Sided Tape
- ◆ Hot Glue and Glue Gun
- ◆ Sticks
- ◆ Twine
- ◆ Scissors



Instructions

1. For each pumpkin you need two 8.5"x 11 sheets. Cut each piece of paper vertically into five 1.5" wide strips.
2. Then cut each strip into one 7", two 9", and keep the remaining two at 11". Important: Remember, you need two sets for one pumpkin. So each pumpkin is two pieces of paper – two 7", four 9", and four 11" strips.
3. Place strips as shown below. Next fold each piece into accordion strips. Pictured here is one sheet of paper.
4. Next tape the TWO SETS at same lengths together with double sided tape and form a circle.



Paper Pumpkins For Fall (continued)

Instructions

5. You will end up with one circle from the 7" strips, two circles from the 9" strips, and two circles from the 11" strips.



6. Create the 7" medallion by gluing with a hot glue gun. Just place a small dab in the center and hold a few seconds until it is dry.



7. Next, glue each medallion together respectively starting with the 7" on top, then 9", then 11", then 11", then 9" on the bottom.



8. Hot glue a stick, paper leaves, and twine on the top of your pumpkin.

