

# 12 Fall Crafts and Fall Decorating Ideas

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Hi Holiday Crafters,

Fall is one of the most exciting seasons to decorate for. With gorgeous leaves coating your lawn, you can find craft materials right outside your door. Using fall leaves to create the Very Vintage Leaf Garland (pg. 15) home décor is just one way to celebrate the spirit of the season.

Transform your home into a harvest haven when you create pumpkins like the Gorgeous Golden Glitter Pumpkins (pg. 27) that will add the warmth of autumn into your home. Once you start to feel that bite to the crisp fall air, you know it's time to break out your favorite fall items. And pumpkins are surely one of them! Choose from the collection of autumn creations in the 12 Fall Crafts and Decorating Ideas free eBook to fall in love with your homemade decorations this year. Included in this exclusive collection are table decorations for fall, home décor for fall, and pumpkin craft ideas. Get ready to see orange, red, and yellow everywhere!

Sincerely,

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# **Table Decorations for Fall Simple Fall Leaf Table Runner**

By: Fawnda from Fireflies and Jellybeans

Table runners are a quick and easy way to dress up your dining room for the season. Get ready for autumn by whipping up this Simple Fall Leaf Table Runner in just a few easy steps! This is one of those colorful fall table decorations that just makes you smile when you look at it.

#### **Materials:**

- Fall colored felt or fleece
- ClipArt leaf patterns
- Scissors
- Sewing machine or needle and thread.
- Brown thread

#### **Instructions:**

1. Cut about 2 dozen leaves out of your felt or fleece.



- 2. Sew on leaf details on each leaf with your brown thread.
- 3. Sew sets of two leaves together at the tips.





4. Line up at your pairs of leaves to get an idea of what order you want them to be placed in.



- 5. Pile up all your leaf pairs in the order you want to sew them.
- 6. Sew your leaves pairs together.



7. Lay it out on your table.



# **Decorative Napkin Rings**

By: Gloria from The Domestic Diva

There is more to these Decorative Napkin Rings than meets the eye. This DIY fall decoration isn't simply for napkins, but it can be used to hold candles too. We love the way this simple napkin holder transforms into a handy candle votive. The pretty autumn leaves spruce up your everyday napkin holder and make it a decorative table piece. You'll surprise everyone when your napkin holders become part of your table decorations.



#### Materials:

- Clay conditioning machine
- Premo clay colors: Ecru, Olive, Red, Orange, Hazelnut
- Etch n' Pearl tool
- Sculpting tool
- Clay texture sheets
- Diamond glaze
- Paint brush
- Round cookie cutter
- Foil
- Gold metallic enamel paint marker

#### **Instructions:**

1. Condition about 1 ounce of each clay color except the Ecru. Use more of Ecru because it's used for the ring and some leaves.



- 2. Roll the clay with a roller or put it through a pasta machine to create layers of equal thickness, about 1/16-inch. Use a cutter to make the clay sheets the same dimension and stack them.
- 3. Cut through the stack of clay sheets from top to bottom cutting 1/2-inch wide slices. Roll each slice into a cigar shape on the work surface. Twist and roll again to blend the colors.





4. Use a leaf-shaped mini clay cutter, to cut 4 or 5 leaves in each color blend. Place plastic wrap on the clay before pressing the cutter into the clay. This will give you smooth edges. Use a clay sculpting tool to draw the veins in the leaves.



5. Roll out a strip of Ecru clay 6 inches long and a little more than 1 inch wide. You will trim it later. This size will fit a 2 inch cookie cutter. Press a design from a texture sheet onto the clay, you may need to remove the texture sheet and place it down again.



6. When the entire strip is textured, cover it with plastic wrap and cut it with a blade to form a 6 x 1 inch strip.



7. Wrap a 2 inch round cookie cutter with aluminum foil. Make it as smooth as possible. Tuck the edges inside.



8. Wrap the clay around the foil. Use a round sculpting tool to blend the two clay ends.



9. Arrange the leaves on the clay ring. Allow them to extend higher than the clay strip on one side of the ring. Curve their tops forward slightly so they don't lie completely flat against the ring and push on the leaf ends with the pearl end of an Etch n' Pearl tool to secure them to the ring. Fill the ring with leaves.



- 10. Bake the ring in an oven at 275 degrees F for 30 minutes on a foil lined baking pan. Allow to cool completely before handling.
- 11. Unwrap the foil from the cookie cutter and slide the cutter out of the foil then pull the foil away from the clay.



12. Fill a small container with Diamond Glaze. Using a paint brush, apply the glaze to the leaves and ring. Let it dry for about 2 hours.



13. To finish, apply gold paint to the circles created by the Etch n' Pearl tool using the enamel paint marker.





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## **Ruffled Leaf Pattern Table Runner**

By: Allison from A Glimpse Inside

The decor at your next fall party is going to be bursting with holiday cheer if you use this Ruffled Leaf Pattern Table Runner. This is an easy sewing project that will bring new dimensions to your fall table decorations with its unique design and festive pattern. Everyone will be ready to enjoy their next meal with this fall table runner brightening your holiday decor.

#### **Materials:**

- Burlap
- Fall leaf fabric tablecloth
- Sewing machine
- Needle and thread

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut the burlap to the width and length that you want your runner to be.
- 2. Lay out your tablecloth and cut 3" strips to make ruffles from.



3. Change the settings on your sewing machine to a very long stitch and very little to no tension. Then just sew a straight line down the center of your strip.



- 4. Gently pull the bottom/back thread. As you pull, the fabric should ruffle.
- 5. You can also gently pull and then move the ruffles down the fabric a little bit at a time.



6. Position the fabric and ruffles to how you want them and prepare to sew them onto your burlap.



- 7. Sew down the ruffles. Try to sew along the same line you stitched to make the ruffles. As you sew, flatten the ruffles a bit to help you attach them to your fabric.
- 8. Once the ruffles are sewn on, pull the edges of the burlap to fringe it a bit.

# **Fall Party Napkins Rings**

By: Jenny from Craft Test Dummies

Spruce up your Thanksgiving table or Halloween bash with these cute Fall Party Napkin Rings! Just looking at these Autumn paper crafts puts us in the mood for pumpkin pie and apple cider! If you want to learn how to make your own napkin rings like these, check out this tutorial.

#### **Materials:**

- Core'Dinations cardstock
- Cuttlebug & embossing folder
- Sandpaper
- Foam pumpkin shapes and/or leaf stickers
- 3D Glue Dots
- Permanent markers

#### **Instructions:**

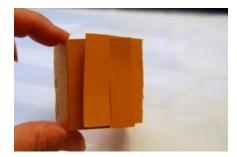
- 1. Start of by measuring the around the napkins you'll use, then add 2 inches to your measurement for overlap. Cut your strips of Core'Dinations cardstock. The Fall Party Napkin Rings Pictured were made from 8 inch strips.
- 2. Using your Cuttlebug, emboss the middle of the strips. Using your sand paper, lightly sand the top of the embossed Core' Dinations paper to reveal the color underneath.





3. Next, cut the slits in the edges of your cardstock. About ½ inch in from one end, cut a slit halfway from the bottom to the top. Use the same method to cut a slit on the other end of your paper cuff. They'll notch together perfectly.





4. Use the fall-themed foam stickers of your choice to decorate your napkin rings. You can also use permanent markers to embellish your designs.



5. Next, attach the foam stickers to the cuff using 3D Glue Dots and your Fall Party Napkins Rings are complete.



# **Stamped Autumn Table Runner**

By: Ann from Swing Time Designs

The beautiful, rustic design of this Stamped Autumn Table Runner will add charm to any room of your home. Whether you use it in the kitchen or the dining room, this is one of those Fall table decorations you'll want to leave out even when guests aren't around. Best of all, this is a no sew table runner and can be made in minutes.

#### **Materials:**

- Burlap
- Fall-themed stamps
- Fall-colored ink pads



#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut a rectangle of burlap. You will want to make it slightly longer than the length of your table.
- 2. Fray the edges of your burlap by pulling out strings one at a time until you get it how you like it.
- 3. Stamp the leaves in different directions anywhere you want. Then you are ready to decorate your table with your new table runner.



## **Home Décor for Fall**

# **Very Vintage Leaf Garland**

By: Julee from Warm Hot Chocolate

Bring the beauty of fall leaves inside your home with this lovely DIY garland idea. This Very Vintage Leaf Garland would look wonderful hanging about your mantel or fireplace this season. If you love nature, why not add a bit of it to your indoor decor in the form of this easy craft? Show off your love for all things autumn with this gorgeous garland.



#### **Materials:**

- 2 dozen fall leaves
- Modge Podge
- Twine
- Tape
- Lightweight metallic gold tempera paint
- Hard cover book

#### Instructions:

- 1. Collect about 2 dozen fall leaves from your yard.
- 2. Paint your leaves with Modge Podge and press in a hardcover book overnight to dry.



3. Take your leaves out of the book and apply a coat of your lightweight metallic gold tempera paint.



4. Once the leaves are dry, arrange them on a piece of twine.



5. Tape the backs of the leaves to the twine and hang your garland. Hang your garland.



# **Glittery Autumn Wall Hanging**

By: Allison from A Glimpse Inside

Make your fall decorations really sparkle with this Glittery Autumn Wall Hanging. This beautiful and simple fall decoration craft is one that you can personalize in many different ways; choose any color or design that you'd like to make this wall hanging pop. You'll also find this craft to be a fun way to get your kids excited about helping to create a custom addition to your modern fall decorations.



#### **Materials:**

- Acrylic Paint
- Glitter Glue
- Glue in your choice of colors
- Canvas or Wood

#### Instructions:

1. Paint the raw edges of the wood or canvas.



2. Tape off your design on your wood or canvas. The pictures show the striped pattern design.



- 3. Press firmly on the edges of the tape so that there is no bleeding of the glue.
- 4. Paint on the glitter glue and then sprinkle the glitter color of your choice.



- 5. Tear off tape and let dry.
- 6. Once the glue is dry on the first stripes, tape off the wood or canvas to do the larger stripes.



7. Paint glue and sprinkle next color. Let dry.



8. Tape off your design again and continue to paint your strip.



9. Allow time for your project to dry completely before decorating your home with it.





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## **Magical Fall Candles**

By: Rocki from Something Wonderful

These Magical Fall Candles will have you swooning this season. This is a tutorial that will teach you how to decorate candles for autumn. By simply gluing beautiful colored leaves to your candles, you will have created new fall decor. You can also try to Mod Podge the leaves to the candle. Either way they will be beautifully preserved. By using materials you already have and leaves from your yard, this project becomes practically free to make.



#### Materials:

- Plain candles
- Mod Podge
- Fall leaves from your yard.

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Collect as many fall leaves from your yard as you would like to cover your candles with.
- 2. Flatten each leaf one by one onto your candle and paint with Modge Podge.
- 3. Repeat until all of your candles are decorated with leaves.



4. Allow to dry overnight.

# **Show Your Joy Fall Door Sign**

By: Robin from All Things Heart and Home

If Autumn is your favorite season, display your love right on your front door with this fabulous fall decoration. You can leave this festive decoration on your door right through Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is one of those fall house decorations that just makes your whole home seem cheerier.

#### **Materials:**

- Wooden letters
- Fall-themed scrapbook paper
- Paint
- Glue
- Watercolor pencils
- Q-tips
- String

#### Instructions:

- 1. Trace the shapes of your wooden letters onto scrapbook paper. Cut out your traced letters from the scrapbook paper.
- 2. Paint the edges of your letters and wait for them to dry.



3. Glue your scrapbook paper to the wooden letters.



4. Use your water color pencils to shade the outline of your letters on the scrapbook paper.



5. Dip a Q-tip in water and rub the watercolor all over the letters to make the letters look more distressed and rustic.



6. Attach string to your letters and hang them on your door or wall.



# **Colorful Grapevine Pumpkin**

By: Kathy Lewinski from Just Crafty Enough

Dress up any grapevine pumpkin with this fun and easy fall crafting project. This Colorful Grapevine Pumpkin is covered in bright I-cords that give it an extra boost. Knit together a few strands of I-cord with your favorite type of yarn and drape them around your pumpkin to create this fun fall craft. The best thing about this pumpkin is that it will last forever and decorate your yard for years to come.



#### **Materials:**

- Undecorated grapevine pumpkin
- Worsted weight yarn in fall colors or pre-made i-cords
- Glue
- Fall berries

#### Instructions:

- 1. Start by purchasing or knitting i-cords that are long enough to reach span the height of your pumpkin.
- 2. Weave your i-cords and glue them to your pumpkin.



3. Add your fall berries around the stem of your pumpkin to finish it off.



4. Put the eyes on before the chocolate hardens, and you're finished!

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# **Pumpkin Craft Ideas**

# **Easy Cheesecloth Pumpkin Craft**

By: Ashley from Cherished Bliss

Try this Easy Cheesecloth Pumpkin Craft and add it to your fall mantel this season. This cloth pumpkin is a perfect piece of fall home decor that all your guests can enjoy throughout the season. The project is quick, easy and inexpensive with a great pumpkin decoration as your end result. To close your cheesecloth pumpkin all you will need is a bit of brown yarn, which creates a cute stem to top it off.



#### **Materials:**

- 1 package of cheesecloth
- 1 bottle of orange rit dye
- Small amount of fabric to go under the cheesecloth
- Yarn or twine for the stem
- Paper bag
- Off-white flannel material

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Follow the instructions on your cheesecloth box to prepare it.
- 2. Follow the instructions on the box to dilute your dye. Pour 1/2 the bottle into 4 cups of the hottest tap water you can get.



3. Add your solution to the washer and set it to have an additional soak time and an extra rinse.



- 4. After the cycle is finished, dry your cheesecloth and get ready to start creating your pumpkin.
- 5. Take a paper bag and crumple it up into a sphere.
- 6. Wrap it up in your off-white flannel material.
- 7. Wrap the cheesecloth around your flannel and trim as necessary.
- 8. Wrap yarn or twine around your stem, tie it off, and you are ready to decorate your home with your Easy Cheesecloth Pumpkin Craft.



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# **Gorgeous Golden Glitter Pumpkins**

By: Julee from Warm Hot Chocolate

How is it possible to make such a beautiful season even more beautiful? With the help of these Gorgeous Golden Glitter Pumpkins, of course! This fun and easy pumpkin painting project is the perfect way to put a bit of sparkle into your annual harvest decor. With just a few pretty pumpkins and your favorite sparkly craft material, you can get started on this simple pumpkin craft. It's an easy way to add a bit of shimmer to your seasonal decor this year.



#### **Materials:**

- White mini pumpkins
- Gold paint
- Paint brushes
- Glue
- Glitter

#### **Instructions:**

1. Gather your white mini pumpkins.



2. Coat the pumpkins in gold paint.



- 3. Allow to dry completely.
- 4. Coat each pumpkin in glue, add your glitter, and allow to dry.



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Fall in love with your homemade decorations this autumn with this complete collection of easy fall crafts.