Leaf Rubbing Art

FALL CRAFT CARDS · CARD 1 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 10 minutes • No mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Fresh fallen leaves (flat ones, not crunchy)
- ☐ Thin white paper
- ☐ Crayons with the paper wrapping peeled off

MAKE IT

1. Put a leaf under your paper, with the bumpy vein side facing up.
2. Hold the paper very still with one hand.
3. Rub the side of a crayon back and forth over the paper. The leaf shape and its veins will appear like magic!
4. Fill the whole page with different leaves, in reds, oranges, yellows and browns.

★ TIP

Thin paper works best. Thick card hides the veins, so save it for a different project.

Leaf Crown

FALL CRAFT CARDS · CARD 2 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 15 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ A long strip of card or thick paper
- ☐ Big leaves — real ones, or cut from paper
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ A stapler (grown-up step)

MAKE IT

1. Grown-up step: measure the card strip around your child's head, and staple or glue it into a band that fits.
2. Glue leaves all the way around the band, overlapping them a little like feathers.
3. Let the glue dry for a few minutes.
4. Wear your crown on a fall walk — and collect even more leaves as you go.

★ TIP

Paper leaves last much longer. Trace real leaves onto colored paper and cut them out for a crown that survives the season.

Apple Stamping

FALL CRAFT CARDS · CARD 3 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 15 minutes • Paint mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 1 apple
- ☐ Washable paint — red, green and yellow
- ☐ Paper or card
- ☐ A plate or tray for the paint
- ☐ A marker

MAKE IT

1. Grown-up step: cut the apple in half across the middle, and pat the cut side dry with a paper towel.
2. Press the apple into the paint — or brush paint onto the cut side instead.
3. Press the apple firmly onto the paper and lift it straight up, to print an apple shape.
4. When the prints are dry, draw a little stem and leaf on each apple.

★ TIP

Push a fork into the uncut side of the apple half — it makes a great handle for small hands.

Acorn Painting

FALL CRAFT CARDS · CARD 4 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 10 minutes • Paint mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Clean, dry acorns (5–8)
- ☐ Washable paint
- ☐ A sheet of paper
- ☐ A shallow box or tray
- ☐ A spoon

MAKE IT

1. Put the paper flat in the bottom of the shallow box.
2. Dip the acorns into paint and drop them onto the paper.
3. Tip the box gently from side to side, so the acorns roll around and leave paint trails behind them.
4. Scoop the acorns out with the spoon, and let your painting dry.

★ TIP

No acorns near you? Marbles or conkers roll — and paint — just as well.

Paper Leaf Garland

FALL CRAFT CARDS · CARD 5 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 20 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Red, orange and yellow paper
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ A pencil
- ☐ String
- ☐ A hole punch or tape

MAKE IT

1. Draw leaf shapes on the colored paper — or trace around real leaves.
2. Cut out 8 to 12 leaves. Little ones can tear their leaves out instead of cutting.
3. Punch a hole near the stem of each leaf, or tape each leaf along the string.
4. Hang your garland across a window or a doorway.

★ **TIP**

Write one thing you are thankful for on each leaf, and this becomes a Thanksgiving garland.