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## Letter from the Editors

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Dear Reader,

Welcome guests to your home for the Thanksgiving feast or celebrate the harvest season with this collection of 9 Thanksgiving decorations to make. These Thanksgiving craft ideas can decorate your home in warm autumn colors all November long. Plus, you will find a number of ideas to decorate a Thanksgiving table in style but for minimal to no cost.

Five of these decorations use a favorite theme for Thanksgiving decorations: leaves. In an array of colors, autumn leaves Thanksgiving decorations like the Leaves Table Runner (pg. 10) are a great way to bring the beautiful outdoors into your home. Add some sparkle to your Thanksgiving tablescape with the Sparkle and Shine Pumpkins (pg. 9) make with real or foam pumpkins. Look for tiny pumpkin at your local farmer's market.

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## Thanksgiving Table Decor

By: Colleen Mullaney

Decorate your tables beautifully this Thanksgiving season. Fruits, berries and leaves are all you need this season for an amazing looking table accent. Colleen Mullaney, author of *It's 5 o'clock Somewhere: The Global Guide to Fabulous Cocktails* and *Faux Fabulous Florals: Four Seasons of Easy Ideas* shows us how to make these accents.



### Materials:

- 1 stem yellow oak leaves
- 3 stems autumnal berries
- Floral wire
- Decorative tumbler
- Quick Water solution

### Instructions:

1. Cut berry clusters and gather into a tight bunch.
2. Border berries with a collar of oak leaves, wrapping leaves around the bunch with the right sides facing outward. Adjust the leaves so that they are symmetrical and even. Wrap tightly and secure with floral wire.
3. Pour Quick Water solution in separate container and mix well. Pour into tumbler slowly and fill two-thirds full.
4. Place in a cool dry place to set, following manufacturer's instructions. Carefully place tussie-mussie in glass so it stands straight up.

### At your place

Waste not, want not. Use your leftover blooms, berries, ribbons, vines and other materials and fashion them into napkin rings. This is a great use of blooms that have broken from their wires or stems or of small clusters of berries that were extras. Follow your theme from centerpiece to napkin



rings, adding a finishing touch to your affair.

**Falling leaves:** Using a gold glitter pen, write your guests' names on mania tags. Attach a small cluster of leaves together with string. Thread string, with its cluster of leaves, through hole in tag and tie around napkin.

**Olives:** Glue small sprig of olives and leaves to grapevine ring, with the stems facing in one direction. Trim off excess stems and glue to grapevine ring. Place second sprig with stems facing opposite direction, clip stems and glue to secure. With brown grosgrain ribbon, tie center in a decorative knot to hide stems

**Berry cluster:** Form a small cluster of berries and tie together with floral wire. Tie cluster to grapevine ring with decorative piece of raffia string.

**Spider mum:** Cut flower from wire stem just below head. Glue onto small grapevine ring.

Adding a few fall or autumnal accents to your table is easy and inexpensive, with smashing results. Florals, accents and other pieces can be found at Michaels and HomeGoods stores.



## Painted Leaf Plate

By: Green Earth Finishes

On the search for the perfect fall table decorations? These lovely Painted Leaf Plates will add a nice homemade touch to any dining room. For other seasons, try painting the plates with flowers for the summer or berries for the winter.



### Materials:

- Clear glass plate
- Sponge
- Shimmer Opaque in: Gold, Copper and Bronze
- Marine Varnish
- Stencil of choice
- Large stencil brushes

### Instructions:

1. Adhere leaf stencil of your choice to back of plate.
2. Stencil Gold Shimmer Opaque onto plate. Vary the position of stencil alternating between Gold and Copper Shimmers. Cover the plate with stenciling. Let dry.
3. Take same stencil and reapply Shimmer Opaque using opposite color over the dry stencil. Use Gold over the Copper and the Copper over the Gold. Let dry.
4. Sponge Bronze Shimmer Opaque over the entire back of the plate. Let dry.
5. For a more opaque look, paint back of plate with Perfect Paint.
6. Add one more coat of sponged Bronze Shimmer Opaque over plate. Highlight with Gold Shimmer Opaque.
7. Protect with Earth Safe Finishes Marine Varnish.

## Leafy Autumn Wreath

By: The New Image Group

This leafy autumn wreath is an autumn or Thanksgiving craft that your kids can help you make. It will look great on the wall or hanging on a door to welcome in the rich colors of autumn.



### Materials:

- Scissors
- Fabric Glue
- 12 x 18 Red EZ Felt Sheet
- 12 x 18 Yellow EZ Felt Sheet
- 12 x 18 Tangerine EZ Felt Sheet
- 12 x 18 Cocoa EZ Felt
- 36" String of Jute/Twine

### Pattern

### Instructions:

1. Cut out 1 Each of Leaves on all 12 x 18 Sheets of EZ Felt. You should have 4 Oak Leaves, 4 Maple Leaves, and 4 Standard Leaves
2. Begin arranging how you would like your wreath to look. You can follow the picture above or create your own. You will need to overlap the figures. Our wreath is about 18" in diameter.



3. Begin gluing pieces in place with fabric glue. Let dry.
4. Once glue has dried, glue Jute/Twin to the back of the wreath.
5. Hang on door.



## Sparkle and Shine Pumpkins

By: DecoArt

Use glitter dust and metallic paint to create this richly fall-colored trio of pumpkins for Thanksgiving or autumn decor.



### Materials:

DecoArt Products Required

Dazzling Metallics

- DA205 - Copper
- DA261 - Festive Green --- NEW!!
- DA263 - Splendid Gold --- NEW!!

Glamour Dust

- DS61-3 - Glamour Dust Gold

Multi-Purpose Sealer

- DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer

Americana Spray Sealers

- DAS13 - Americana Matte Spray

Supplies

- 1" flat brush
- Water container
- Palette or plastic plate
- Paper towels
- Newspaper
- Three small real or foam pumpkin

### Instructions:

1. Use 1" brush and Multi-Purpose Sealer to coat pumpkins. Let dry.
2. Use 1" brush to paint pumpkins, one each, Copper, Festive Green, and Splendid Gold.
3. With newspaper underneath to catch excess, sprinkle Gold Glamour Dust on top of wet pumpkins.
4. Once dry, seal pumpkins with Americana Matte Spray.

## Leaves Table Runner

By: Fawnda for Fireflies and Jellybeans

Here's one of the easiest fall craft ideas. Make a leaves table runner from felt leaves. This autumn craft project from [Fawnda Norman](#) only requires minimal sewing skills.



### Materials:

- Fall colored felt or fleece
- Leaf patterns (I used clip art for mine)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine (optional- you could hand sew if you want!)
- Brown thread

### Instructions:

1. Cut out a BUNCH of leaves out of your felt/ fleece.
2. Sew on leaf details on each leaf. It is a bit tedious - but so worth it! : )
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. I didn't want the same kind or color of leaf to be touching, but otherwise it was pretty random.
5. Pile up all your leaf pair in the order you want to sew them.



6. Sew your leaves pairs together. This also can be a bit tedious I sewed some together at the tips and others more to the bottom part of the leaves. I just had to see how it fit the best. But I would guess if you are a quilter you would probably be better at lining these up than I was.
7. Lay it out on you table.





## Autumn Reflections Candle Holder

By: Cindy Groom-Harry and Staff for AMACO

Create an elegant Autumn Reflections Candle Holder from wire mesh.



### Materials:

AMACO® WireForm®:

- 6" x 8" piece of Impression Mesh, Copper, 1/8" pattern
- 5" x 6" piece of Sparkle Mesh, Aluminum, 1/8" pattern
- 5" x 6" piece of Designer's Mesh, Brass, 18 mesh
- AMACO® Fun Wire™: 14 ft. of Brown; 24 gauge
- 6" length of 5/16" diameter dowel
- Two large wooden craft disks (1/2" x 21/2")
- October Brown spray paint
- Tea light candle
- Glue gun & glue sticks
- Pencil
- Paper
- Craft snip or wire cutters
- Needle nose pliers
- Ruler
- Drill with 5/16" bit

### Instructions:

**LEAVES:** (Note: Before cutting leaves from Impression Mesh, cut off a 2" x 6" piece and set aside.) Trace and use craft snip to cut two leaves from the Impression Mesh according to pattern. Similarly, cut two leaves from the Designer's Mesh and Sparkle Mesh.

- For center vein of leaf, cut a 6" length of Fun Wire™. With one leaf, insert Fun Wire™ through mesh at base of leaf allowing 1/2" to extend from base for stem. Insert wire back and forth along the center of mesh leaf at 1/4" to 1/2" intervals, bending and scrunching wire between intervals to add character. Bend end of wire over at point of leaf and trim if necessary.
- Cut a 24" length of wire. To encase the leaf edges, fold wire in half and carefully (so as not to pull out mesh strands) insert each end through mesh at point of leaf and twist wires together once to secure. Then, use wire to "sew" around both sides of leaf by inserting wire through mesh, wrapping wire around outside edge of leaf and reinserting through mesh at 1/4" to 1/2" intervals, ending at base of leaf. Twist ends of wires onto stem and trim stem to 1/4".

- For remaining veins, cut 3", 4" and 5" lengths of wire. Fold 3" length in half to find center, place wire under center vein 1 1/4" from point of leaf and cross wires over center vein to secure. Insert wire at an angle back and forth through mesh leaf at 1/4" to 1/2" intervals, bending and scrunching wire between intervals to add character. Bend end of wires over at edge of leaf and trim if necessary. Repeat using the 4" and 5" length, spacing approximately 1 1/4" apart.
- Repeat procedure to make five more leaves, but don't trim the stem on one leaf.

**CANDLE HOLDER:**

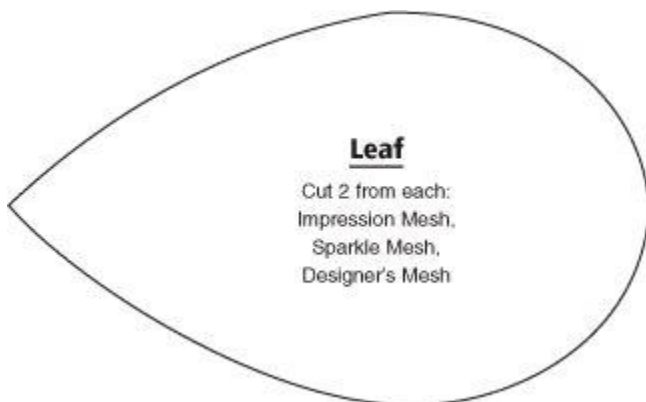
- Drill a 5/16" hole in the center of two craft disks. Glue disks onto each end of dowel with rounded side of disks toward dowel. In well-ventilated area, spray candle holder with October Brown paint and let dry.

**ATTACHING LEAVES:**

- (Tip: To glue flower leaves to holder, use the lid of the spray paint as a working tool.) Set holder on top of lid (the flat edge setting on top of the lid will actually be the top of the candle holder). To make flower, attach a leaf (with trimmed stem) to rounded side of disk close to dowel using glue gun. Bend leaf down over paint can lid to shape. Similarly, attach four more leaves to disk, overlapping leaves approximately 1/2", and bend to shape. Remove candle holder from lid and set upright.
- With long-stemmed leaf, bend stem around base of dowel, bend to shape and tack glue leaf to craft disk. TENDRILS: Cut two 21" lengths of wire. Fold each in half, spiral wrap ends around pencil or dowel, remove and then bend and scrunch wire to add character. Twist folded centers together and glue to base. Bend and shape tendrils as desired.

**TEA LIGHT HOLDER:**

- Place the 2" x 6" piece of Impression Mesh (from step one) over edge of ruler and fold in half to form a 1" x 6" strip. Roll and glue strip into cylinder just slightly larger than tea light. Glue holder, with folded edge up, into center of flower. Place tea light candle into holder.





## Thanksgiving Straw Bale Centerpiece

By: Craft Marketing Connections Inc. for FloraCraft

Use a rustic straw bale as the base for a lovely homemade Thanksgiving craft centerpiece bursting with red and green mums, pumpkins and ribbon. Make a Thanksgiving tablescape for your family meal.



### Materials:

FloraCraft® Brand Products:

- 1 Straw Bale, 6" x 6" x12"
- 1 pkg. Spanish Moss

Other Materials:

- 1 Rust/green mum bush
- 3 Pumpkin/leaf picks
- 1 Fall beaded wreath, 4" diameter
- Tacky Glue (Elmer's® Craft Bond™)
- Brown grosgrain ribbon, 48" length, 1" wide
- Floral cutter

### Instructions:

1. Trim one stem from mum bush and set aside. Insert rest of mum bush into top – right side of bale.
2. Arrange moss around base of mum bush and attach with tacky glue to straw bale.
3. Place ribbon around center of bale and tie in knot to front-left side on bale.
4. Hang bead wreath over top-left corner of bale and insert one pumpkin pick into center of wreath.
5. Insert one pumpkin pick into bale below wreath. Also, insert mum stem into lower-left corner of bale below pumpkin pick.
6. Remove pick from last pumpkin and set it in front of lower-left corner of bale.
7. Optional – To contain stray pieces of straw, set bale on tray, platter or cardboard, cut to size.

## Fall Leaves Soap Bar

By: SoapQueen

Learn how to make a one-time fall leaf soap bar. This is a fun decoration to have out during the autumn season. Use orange spice fragrance for that fresh fall smell.



### Materials:

- Clear Melt and Pour
- Orange Spice Fragrance Oil
- Water Soluble Paper
- [Fall Leaves PDF](#)

### Instructions:

1. Download the PDF file of leaves. Print them on any type of color printer onto Water Soluble Paper. Then cut the images out with scissors. Leave a little piece of the white to use as a handle when we're dipping the leaves.



Hint: Remember that leaves are not perfect and often misshaped so don't spend too much time cutting around every nook and cranny.

2. Tear off a strip of wax paper or butcher paper and tape it to a hard surface, shiny side up. This is going to be our drying rack.



3. Melt 2-3 ounces of clear soap base and mix in your fragrance oil of choice (I chose Orange Spice for Fall- refreshing, spicy and delicious). Other Fall Favorites: Red Apple, Pumpkin Spice, Turkish Mocha, Chai Tea, Ginger Pear, Sandalwood Vanilla.
4. Hold a paper leaf by the “handle” and dip the entire leaf into the melted soap base. Then place the soaked leaf on your wax paper to let dry.
5. Once the leaves are cool, peel them off by the handle. Use your scissors to snip off the handle and trim up the edges with a craft knife or your fingers. Some leaves might have a little extra soap on the edges while others will look perfect!
6. Put the leaves in a little bowl by the bathroom sink. Each guest will have their own individual soap to use!

**Hand Washing Advice from the Soap Queen:** Experts say that you should keep a good lather for about 30 seconds or as long as it takes you to sing Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. These leafy soaps will last for the perfect (and recommended) amount of hand washing time.

## Felt Leaves Garland

By: Darla Sims for Red Heart Yarn

Cut leaves from felted crochet squares in a rich red color for a pretty autumn garland. Hung from a mantel or wound around candles, this garland is perfect for autumn decorating.



### Materials:

RED HEART® “Eco-Ways Bamboo Wool™”

- 3 skeins each 3920 Cayenne A and 3650 Dill B.
- Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
- Yarn needle.
- 10 Chenille Stems, 6mm, in same color as B.
- Fabric glue

### Size:

Felted Branch is 3/4” wide x 40” long.

Each Felted Leaf is 4” wide x 3 3/4” long.

### Gauge:

14 single crochet = 4”

16 rounds = 4”, before felting.

### Instructions:

#### SQUARE (Make 9)

With A, chain 21.

Row 1: Single crochet in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain across – 20 single crochet.

Rows 2-18: Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each single crochet across.

Fasten off.

#### BRANCH

With B, chain 2.

Round 1: Work 5 single crochet in 2nd chain from hook.

Round 2: Single crochet in each single crochet around.

Continue to repeat Round 2 until piece measures 38” from beginning.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Thread tail through remaining stitches and pull to close.

Knot to secure.

**FINISHING**

Weave in ends.

**Felting**

Place all pieces in washer along with one flat bed sheet.

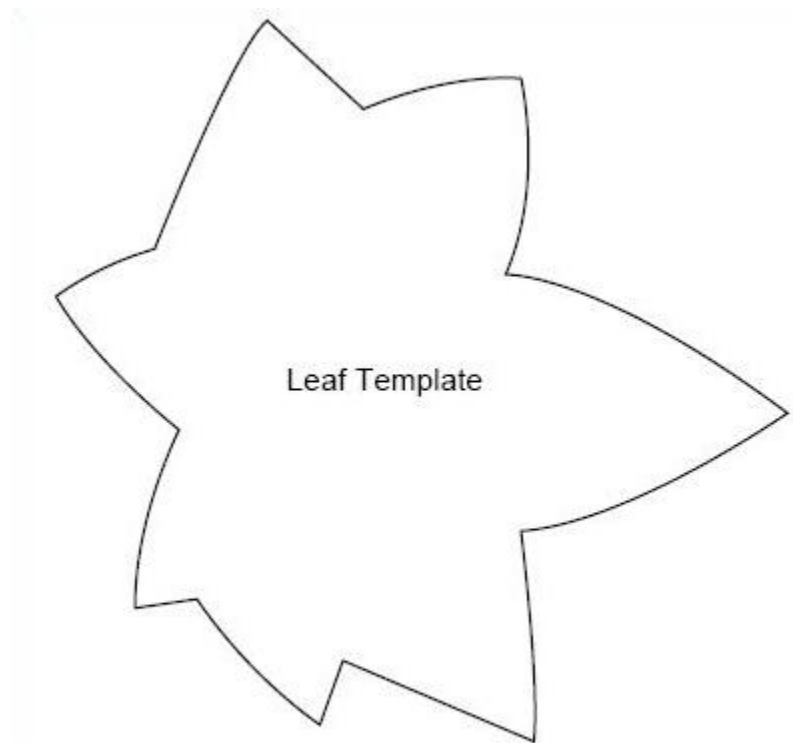
Place settings for hot wash/cold rinse, lowest water level, and heavy duty agitation. Run through full-cycle twice.

Lay flat until completely dry, pulling Branch to 40" if necessary.

Using leaf template and sharp scissors, cut out 9 leaves from squares.

**Assembly**

Cut each chenille stem in half. Glue half of each stem to back of each Leaf. Allow glue to dry. Wrap stem of each Leaf around Branch at even intervals. Bend leaves to desired position.





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