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Letter from the Editors

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 home décor is just one way to celebrate the spirit of the season. Transform your home into a harvest haven when you create pumpkins that will add the warmth of autumn into your home. Once I start to feel that bite to the crisp fall air, I know it's time to break out my favorite fall items, and pumpkins are surely one of them! Choose from the 9 fall crafts and decorating ideas included in this exclusive collection and get ready to see orange, red, and yellow everywhere.

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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.



- 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. 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.



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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 will keep not only your napkins happy, but your 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
- 2544 Gold metallic enamel pain marker

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Instructions:

1) Condition about 1 oz. of each clay color except the Ecru. You'll need more of it 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". Use a cutter to make sheets the same dimension and stack them.

3) Cut through the stack from top to bottom cutting .50" wide slices. Roll each slice into a cigar shape on the work surface. Now twist and roll again to blend the colors.



Note: If you're not happy with the result, fold the "cigar" in half and roll again against the width until you have the color blend you want.



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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" long and a little more than 1" wide. You will trim it later. This size will fit a 2" 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" strip.



7) Wrap a 2" round cookie cutter as smoothly as possible with aluminum foil. 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 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. Allow to dry completely; for about 2 hours.



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



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Ruffled Leaf Pattern Table Runner

By Allison from <u>A Glimpse Inside</u>

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 the 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



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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.



Note: 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.



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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; you won't find anything like it in stores.



Materials:

- About 2 dozen fall leaves, depending on the size you intend your garland to be
- Modge Podge
- Twine
- Tape
- Lightweight metallic gold tempera paint
- Hard cover book

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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.



Note: Using lightweight paint will insure you do not cover the natural color and texture of your leave



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.6) Hang your garland.



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Glittery Autumn Wall Hanging

By Allison from <u>A Glimpse Inside</u>

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 (I went for a fall theme)
- Canvas or Wood

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Instructions:

1) Paint the raw edges of the wood or canvas. I painted it metallic silver at first then switched it to metallic gold but forgot to take a picture.



2) Tape off your design. I decided to do stripes.



3) Press firmly on the edges of the tape so there is no bleeding of the glue.

4) Paint on the glitter glue 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 to do the larger stripes.



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



8) Tape off again and continue to paint your stripes.



9) Allow to dry completely before hanging.



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Magical Fall Candles

By: Rocki from Something Wonderful

Need an edible Halloween decoration to add spooky sparkle to your party? These bat and cat shaped Halloween Peanut Butter Treats are a tasty craft idea that are as good looking as they are good tasting!



Materials:

- 3 plain candles
- Mod Podge
- Fall leaves from your yard.
- 1/3 cup softened butter
- 1 lb powdered sugar
- Chocolate for melting
- Nonpareils for the eyes

Instructions:

1) Collect as many fall leaves from your yard as you would like to cover your candles with.

2) One by one, flatten each leaf onto your candle and paint with Modge Podge.

3) Repeat until all 3 candles are decorated with leaves.



5) Allow to dry overnight.

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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

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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.



3) Put the eyes on before the chocolate hardens, and you're finished!

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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) Dilute your dye, again by following the directions on the box. 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.





5) After the cycle is finished, dry your cheesecloth and get ready to start creating your pumpkin.



6) Take a paper bag and crumple it up into a sphere.

7)Wrap it up in your off-white flannel material.

8) Wrap the cheesecloth around your flannel and trim as necessary.

9) Wrap yarn or twine around your stem, tie it off, and you're done!



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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 pain
- Paint brushes
- Glue
- Glitter

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Instructions:

1) Gather your white mini pumpkins.



2)Using your gold paint, coat the pumpkins.



3) Allow to dry completely.

4) Coat each pumpkin in glue, add your glitter, and allow to dry!





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