

EYFS Christmas craft - Leaf foil art



Equipment:

- Card (approx 2 A4 sheets per child)
- PVA glue and brushes
- Tin foil
- A selection of dry leaves that will lay flat (not crunchy as they will fall apart)
The number for each child varies depending on leaf size and how they are used
- Paper plates
- Felt tip pens or crayons (optional) - see below

Making your foil art leaves

1. Glue the leaves to the card with the smoother side down. Children can feel the leaves first to determine which side feels smooth and which side is bumpier. The glued leaves can be laid down on the card close together but not touching.
2. Then, the bumpy side of the leaves is brushed with glue - completely covering them.
3. Lay the tin foil over the leaves. Tin foil has one side that is shinier than the other - either is fine.



4. Gently press down on the tin foil over the glued leaves so that the patterns on the leaf come through. It is a good idea to work outward, moving your finger from the inside to the edges.



5. The leaves can be cut out at this point and be left silver. Or they can be coloured to highlight the textures using either felt tip pens, or crayons.

- Felt tips sit on the surface and can be blended with a finger. (Be aware that can be messy!)
- Crayons work best to highlight the really prominent veins, used best on their side like rubbing, but caution is needed as the tin foil could tear if pressed too hard.
- Oil pastel is a further option, but the definition isn't as clear and looks a bit messy.



6. Finish by cutting out the leaves. Use them as they are to make mini trees, stick on cards, or to make a wreath as detailed next.



Optional stage - Christmas wreath

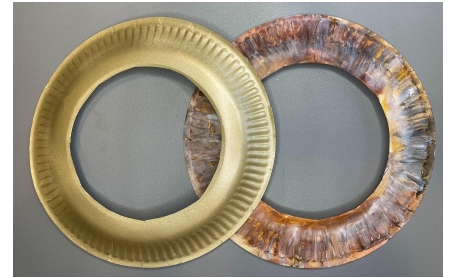
This could be done in a second session!

1. Cut the middle out from the centre of the paper plate.



2. Paint the plates. They are lots of ways you could do this

- Paint to look natural/woody
- Paint with a metallic paint
- Wrap in paper or more tin foil
- Be brave - get out the glitter!



3. Attach the leaves. They can all the way around or form a cluster at the bottom.

- If small enough children can independently stick them on with PVA. Larger leaves may need adult support to staple them on.



4. Decorate as you wish. Children could:

- Add twigs or other natural foliage, trapped between stapled leaves
- Stick on cotton wool, pompoms or scrunched tissue paper for berries
- Add a hanging message in the middle of the ring
- Add glitter to the ring or stick on other Christmas motifs/stickers like stars.



5. Don't forget to attach a string to hang them up!

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