



Red Foam Plant

What you'll need:

- foam base
- paint (green, dark green, yellow)
- paintbrushes
- 6 red-painted foam leaves (see Foam Leaves for instructions)
- green fabric leaves
- store-bought green foliage

What you'll do:

Step 1: Use the darker green paint to make almond-shaped marks on the leaf. Add yellow wisps over the green. Tap or shake your paintbrush to add a few speckles. Let dry.

Step 2: Paint the foam base green. Let dry.

Step 3: Insert the red leaves into the green foam base.

Step 4: Add the green fabric leaves and the store-bought green foliage to make a plant.



Foam Leaves

What you'll need:

- roll of EVA high-density foam in white (we used a 24"x60"x4mm)
- scissors
- wooden marshmallow roasting stick (stands straight up) or 3/16"x48" wood dowel (for a bendy-looking leaf)
- hot glue
- paintbrushes
- paper plates
- paint tarp
- disposable gloves
- leaf templates (see end of instructions)
- pen
- paint [we used Behr Flat Matte Crisp Green, Bling Bling (yellow) Rhumba Orange, Hills of Ireland (darker green), Fire Cracker (red), Royal Liqueur (brown)]

What you'll do:

Step 1: Trace large leaf shapes on the foam.

Step 2: Cut out the large leaf shapes. You may want to create a few.

Step 3: Glue the dowel or stick on the back of the leaf. Allow the glue to dry. To get a slightly different leaf texture, add glue to the base of the leaf and pinch closed over the dowel.

Step 4: Paint the back of the leaf with the base color of your choice. Let dry. Then flip over and paint the front of the leaf the base color.

Step 5: In a contrasting color, dry brush leaf details on to the top of the leaf. Paint a large, thin line down the center and then whips of brush strokes from the center to the edge.

Tip: Unroll the foam the day before and lay flat on the floor with the curled edges down. Place books or something heavy on top of the corners and edges to flatten the roll. This will make it easier to trace and cut the leaves.

