

Paper Folded Leaves

What you'll need:

- large sheets of green art paper (available in the framing department at Hobby Lobby)
- scissors
- green 18-gauge wire (18") or a Sturdy Stem
- hot glue
- paint (green, yellow, white)
- disposable plate
- paintbrush or foam brush
- gloves

What you'll do:

Step 1: Fold the paper in half hot dog style.

Step 2: Cut a large half-almond shape out of the paper.

Step 3: Beginning at the narrow tip, fold over about 1", then flip the paper over and fold it the opposite way. Continue to fold accordion-style down the entire length of the paper. Fold so the veins of the leaf go up to the point.

Optional: If you want to add different texture to your leaf, cut a fringe on the edges of the leaf.

Step 4: Open the leaf and glue the wire to the center of the leaf.

Step 5: To give the leaf even more detail, dry brush the folds with a contrasting color.

