

Watercolor Leaves!

YOU'LL NEED: COFFEE FILTERS OR TISSUE PAPER
WATERCOLOR PAINTS, LIQUID GLUE, PAPER TOWELS



1. CUT

DRAW your leaf shape onto a coffee filter, then **CUT** out your leaf. Make as many leaves as you like. How many different leaf **SHAPES** can you create?

2. GLUE

If you look closely at a real leaf, you'll notice **VEINS**: lines that carry nutrients to the parts of the leaf. Use liquid glue (school glue or hot glue) to draw lines onto your leaves. Let the glue **DRY** overnight.



3. PAINT

Coffee filters are very **THIN**, so paint will spread easily, and the glue will help keep sections separate. Get your watercolor paints wet, and then **PAINT** your leaves. Try adding a small amount of water to the leaf as well, and notice what that does to the paint. You can **LAYER** and **MIX** paint colors. What **PATTERNS** can you make? If you start to get a lot of water, dab off the extra with a paper towel.

4. STRING

When you're done painting your leaves, let them dry overnight. If you'd like to make a garland, you can punch a hole in the top of each leaf, and string them onto yarn. Happy fall!