

Maple Leaf Table Decorations



If you need a quick and inexpensive way to decorate your fall holiday table, this just might be what you're looking for! This project offers a maple leaf design that can be made three different ways. There is a classic leaf, a leaf textured for added dimension, and a leaf with intricate, elegant cut outs. Mix and match your paper types to create the look you want for your table. Leaves are offered in two sizes, approximately 5" x 4.5" (13cm x 11.5cm) for the larger leaf and 4" x 3.5" (10cm x 9cm) for the smaller leaf.

What you need

- Medium Weight Cardstock – for leaves with cut outs
- Medium Weight Cardstock (pearly or shimmery) – for leaves with debossing
- Glitter Cardstock – for plain leaves
- Light Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Basic Blade

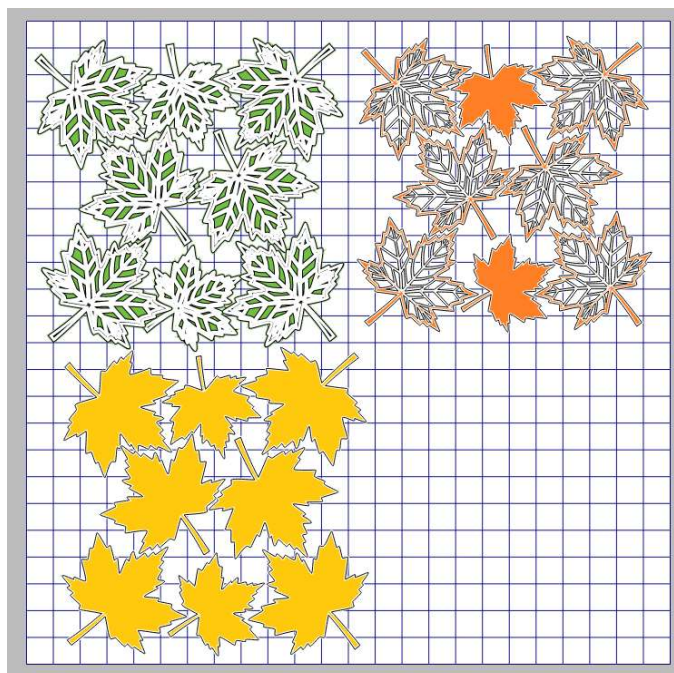
- Debossing Tool
- Brayer
- Scraper Tool
- Painter's Tape

Directions

1. Open the project in Canvas, and displayed will be 3 different sets of leaf designs.

- The leaf designs showing as white with a green background are the ones that are first textured with the Debossing Tool, then cut out using the Basic Blade. In the main photo on page one, two different shades of a shimmery brown cardstock were used which enhanced the texture created.
- The leaf designs showing in orange offer 6 large leaves with cut outs, and 2 smaller leaves without the cut outs. All done using the Basic Blade. In the main photo on page one, medium weight cardstock was used. There will be a lot of small bits left when you remove the leaves from the mat, so a Scraper Tool will come in quite handy.
- The leaf designs showing in yellow are simply plain leaves with no added embellishments and the quickest of the groups to create. In the main photo on page one, a glitter cardstock was used, as well as a shimmery cardstock.

Note: Mix and match paper types and colors as desired. It is recommended you do a test cut for each leaf style for your selected paper so you can make any changes, if needed.



2. To make the leaves with the debossed texture, place the shimmery cardstock onto the Light Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the paper to the mat. It is recommended to use painter's tape to help eliminate the possibility of the paper shifting during the debossing and cutting process.
3. Follow the steps to deboss and cut the various leaves. Remove the leaves carefully from the mat, paying extra attention to the stems which are narrow and a bit delicate.



4. To make the leaves with the cut outs, place the plain cardstock onto the mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the paper to the mat. Add painter's tape, which is recommended for this design because of the multiple, intricate cuts – the painter's tape will help prevent any possible shifting during the cutting process.
5. Follow the steps to cut the leaves. Carefully remove the leaves from the mat. There will likely be bits of cardstock left on the mat, so a Scraper tool may come in handy to help remove them from the mat.



6. To make the plain leaves, place the glitter cardstock onto the mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the paper to the mat. Add painter's tape, if desired.
7. Follow the steps to cut the glittery leaves. Carefully remove them from the mat. This plain leaf design looks nice when cut from shimmery cardstock, as well.

