

Fall Leaf Impressions

Sandwich leaves between foam board and foil. Then, rub the surface to reveal an impression of the leaves. Add color and a tarnished-looking finish.

You will need:

- 2 large leaves
- 10" X 15" foam board
- 13" X 18" piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil
- Sharpie markers or similar (assorted fall colors)
- Black acrylic paint
- Paintbrush and paint supplies
- Paper towels
- Glue stick
- Masking tape



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Directions:

1. Glue two leaves to the foam board with the textured side faceup.
2. Trace the foam board on the dull side of the foil. See first photo on next page.
3. Apply a generous amount of glue to the rectangle area on the foil and glue the foam board (leaf side facing down) onto it.

4. Tape the edges of the foil to the back of the board.



5. Gently but firmly rub your thumb over the foil side of the board to reveal the veins and texture of the leaves. Color the leaves with markers.

6. Dilute 1 tablespoon of black acrylic paint with 1 tablespoon of water. Quickly cover the project with the paint mixture. The paint doesn't have to be perfectly applied. Streaks and brushstrokes are fine.



7. While the paint is still wet, remove as much of it as you can using a paper towel. You will have streaks of paint left as shown in the first photo below.



8. Use a clean paper towel and dab the project to remove more paint and give the project a tarnished look.
 9. For a final touch, lightly rub a clean paper towel over the leaves. This gives the raised portions a shiny quality as you gently remove the black paint.
 10. Sign, frame, and proudly display your autumn masterpiece!
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