

Autumn CRAFTS

Make these
supercute crafts
for your
Thanksgiving Table.



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Enjoy a fun, relaxed celebration of fall with extended family and friends, or just your family. With the ideas detailed below, some apple cider served hot or cold, and your family's favorite fall dessert (complete with the aroma of apple, pumpkin, pear, cinnamon, ginger, or maple wafting through the air), you've got yourself a party!



Toilet Paper Pumpkin

Yes! You read that right. Try this—it's a quick and cute decoration for your party!



Toilet Paper
Pumpkin

Apples in the Leaves Table Runner

Your kids will enjoy making this festive table decoration.



Apples in the Leaves
Table Runner

A Basket of Punkins

Quick, simple, inexpensive, and CUTE fall craft to make with your kids—and it all starts with a paper wad!



A Basket of
Punkins

Toilet Paper Pumpkin

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- 18"x18" square of orange or fall print fabric
- (1/2 yard of fabric will be enough to make 2)
- 1 regular-size roll of toilet paper
- 2 plastic grocery bags
- 1 cinnamon stick
- green felt or paper



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GATHER SUPPLIES

Collect all the needed supplies according to the supply list.

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MAKE A STACK

- Cut the handles off the grocery bags.
- Lay the fabric square right side down on a table.
- Stack the plastic grocery bags in the center of the fabric square.
- Place the toilet paper roll in the center of the stack.

Toilet Paper Pumpkin

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WRAP THE ROLL

Pull up each corner and tuck into the center of the toilet paper roll. Tuck in other edges.

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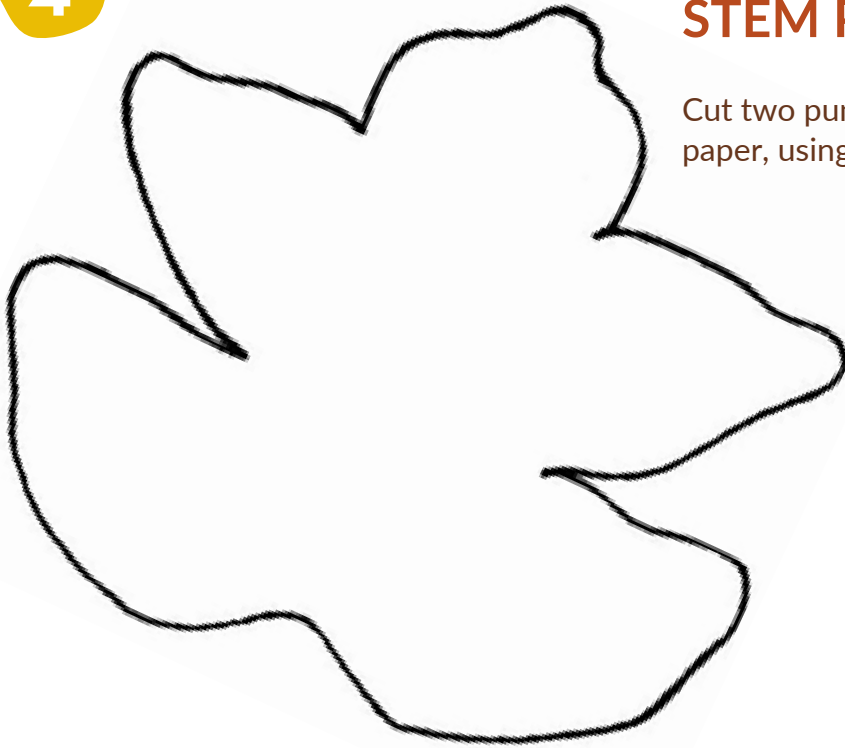


Toilet Paper Pumpkin

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STEM PATTERN

Cut two pumpkin leaves from green felt or paper, using the pattern to the left.



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FINISH

Tuck the leaves into the top of the pumpkin, and finish with a cinnamon stick stem.



Apples in the Leaves Table Runner



SUPPLIES NEEDED

- 3 sheets 9"x 12" brown or orange construction paper
- tape
- 2 well-shaped apples
- paper towels
- paper plates
- red, green, and yellow craft paint
- paintbrushes
- real leaves (fresh or dry)
- stapler

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FIRST STEPS

- Collect all the needed supplies according to the provided list and prepare the work area.
- Cover a work surface with newspapers.

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PREPARE APPLES

(ADULT assistance required)

- Cut the apples in half from top to bottom. Make your cuts as straight as possible, making sure that the surface of the cut apple is level. Gently remove any visible seeds.

Apples in the Leaves Table Runner



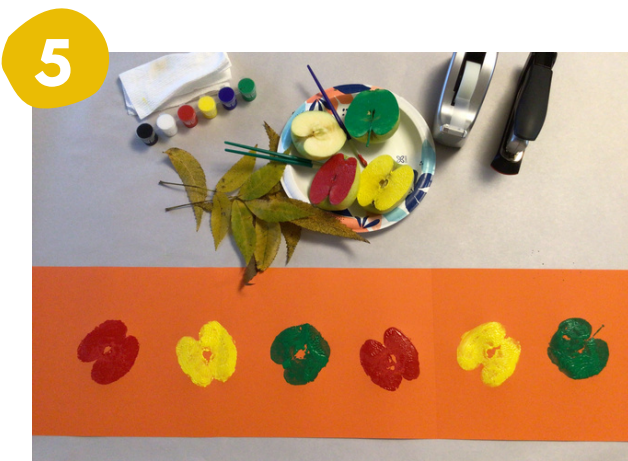
JOIN PAPER

- Tape the sheets of construction paper together into one long strip along the 9" sides so that you have a 9" x 3' strip.
- Turn the strip over so that the tape is on the back.



GET READY TO PAINT

- Squeeze a small amount of craft paint onto three separate paper plates (one color per plate).
- With a paper towel, daub the surface of the cut apples to dry them.



MAKE APPLE PRINTS

- Paint the surface of an apple with the color of your choice. Use plenty of paint. Make a few test prints on a spare piece of construction paper to determine how much paint is required and to practice pressing the apple onto the paper.
- Make a design of red, green, and yellow apple prints on the 9"x3' strip.

Apples in the Leaves Table Runner

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BREAK TIME

Take a little break and let the paint dry.

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ADD LEAVES AND IT IS FINISHED!

- When the paint is dry, staple the leaves all around the edge of your runner. Put tape on the back of the staples if you're concerned about the staples scratching your table.
- Place the runner in the center of your table.

A Basket of Pumpkins

Make at least 5 pumpkins and put in a basket for a fall centerpiece!

SUPPLIES NEEDED (for each pumpkin)

- 5 sheets of regular 8.5 x 11-inch paper (scrap paper with printing or coloring is fine)
- 12-inch square piece of orange fabric *
- 1 green pipe cleaner (also known as chenille stems)
- 3 feet of brown yarn
- pencil
- scissors



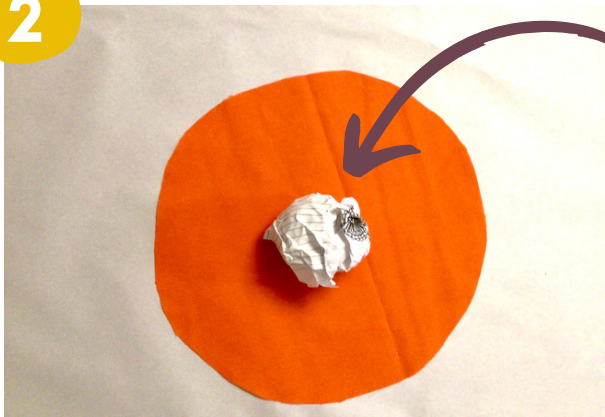
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PREPARE

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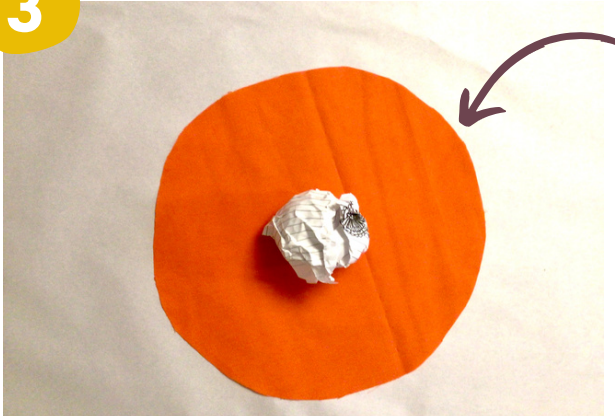


MAKE PAPER STUFFING

- Start by wadding a piece of paper into a ball. Place that wad in the center of another piece of paper and wad the second piece around the first.
- Continue with three more pieces of paper. Try to maintain a ball shape with each piece.
- After five pieces are wadded in layers, roll the ball around in your hand several times, squeezing into a nice round shape as you go. At this point, the paper wad should be about the size of a baseball.

A Basket of Pumpkins

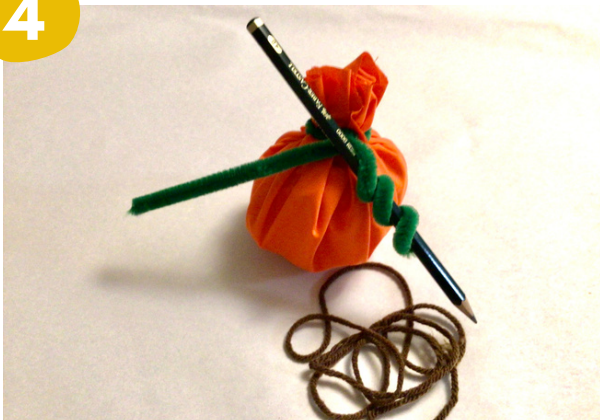
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MAKE PUMPKIN

- Trace a 10.5-inch circle on the orange fabric (find a dinner plate or bowl of the right size to trace). Cut out the circle. Note: * A half yard of fabric will make five pumpkins, but don't cut it into 12-inch squares first. You'll need to trace your circles right next to each other.
- Place the paper wad in the center of the fabric circle. Pull the fabric up around the paper wad evenly, pinching the top with your fingers.
- This 1-inch or so of extra fabric at the top is your pumpkin "stem."

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ADD TENDRILS

- Tightly twist the green pipe cleaner around the base of the "stem," keeping the two ends an even length (just like you would twist a tie around a bread bag).
- Use a pencil to curl the pipe cleaner tails.

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FINISHING TOUCHES

- Tie one end of the brown yarn to the pipe cleaner at the twist. Leave a 2-inch tail. Tightly wind the yarn almost to the top of the stem, but not all the way. Then wind the yarn back down to the base.
- Tie the two ends into a tight knot at the base, then double and triple the knot.
- Trim the ends of the yarn short.



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