

Homemade Leaf Coasters

With a few white bathroom tiles, some fall leaves and mod podge, you can create beautiful fall coasters that are great for decorating the house or for use as gifts. You just have to gather the leaves and then use mod podge to hold them onto the tiles. This is a great and inexpensive gift idea.



Items needed

White bathroom tiles

A sponge painting brush

Mod Podge

A heavy book of some sort for pressing

Lots of colorful leaves!

Optional: Felt and craft glue for coaster bottoms

Directions

1. Gather a variety of leaves of all colours and sizes. Spread them out on a table and pick the ones you would like to use.

2. Place the leaves inside a heavy book for pressing. If you're concerned about the leaves leaving a mark, you might want to put some newspaper between the leaves and your book. Place a few leaves in between the pages of your book, then skip a few pages and place some more and so on until all of your leaves are in the book. Next place your book in a safe place and add something else on top of the book for added weight. A case of water bottles is a good option. Leave your book setting for about 7-10 days. Finally open your book and check the leaves. You'll want to make sure they are nice and flat as well as dry.



3. Carefully remove your leaves and spread them on the table so you can again see your collection.



4. The next step is to prepare your tile. Select a few leaves that they would like to use and set them out on a clean tile so you can see how the leaves will be arranged.

5. Once the arrangement is all set, remove the leaves and paint a thin layer of Mod Podge over the clean tile.



6. While the tile is still wet from the first coat of Mod Podge, add your first leaf, it should be the bottom layer in your arrangement, and place a thick layer of Mod Podge over that leaf.



7. Add the next leaf and a layer of Mod Podge over that one, and so on, until all of the leaves are arranged onto your tile. Allow this layer to dry completely.



8. Once all of the tiles are completed and the layers of Mod Podge are dried, add one final coat of Mod Podge over your coaster and let dry.



9. You'll be able to tell that the tiles are dry by touch, but you'll also notice that they are not milky looking anymore, but instead will have a nice clear shine to them.



10. One final step once the coasters are dry is to add some felt to the bottoms, so they don't scratch your tables. You can either purchase small sticky backed felt circles or cut a square of felt and simply glue it to the bottoms.