

Leaf Lantern

What you need

- dried, pressed fall leaves,
- regular Mod Podge,
- a jar
- a brush



Directions to make

1. Place 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.



2. Smear Mod Podge all over the sides of the jar. Do not apply Mod Podge to the bottom or the grooved lid area. Place your dry leaf right onto the Mod Podge and press into place. Brush over the leaf with more Mod Podge.



3. Continue adding leaves and Mod Podge until your jar is covered with leaves. Overlap a few, but keep in mind that overlap areas do reduce the light that can pass through. Lighter colored leaves work best. Use the darker leaves as accents.

4. Once you have finished placing your leaves around the jar surface, use the flat end of your brush to create a stippled pattern in the Mod Podge areas NOT covered by leaves. This step will create a more pleasing pattern than will brush strokes when light shines through these "open" areas on the jar.

5. Let the candle dry thoroughly and then apply a second coat of Mod Podge, again "stippling" the open areas. Let the jar dry several hours or overnight. Overspray with acrylic spray. When dry, pop a tea light in the bottom and you are done!

