

Linwood Avenue

hand-made home goods



# thanksgiving leaf PLACE CARD

- paperclay block
- green and white acrylic paint
- leaves
- wax paper
- rolling pin
- xacto knife
- metal stamping alphabet
- paint brush
- scissors
- triple thick acrylic spray

## SUPPLIES

- May Arts ribbon ([www.mayarts.com](http://www.mayarts.com))
  - 20 inches - 1/4" metallic gold wired (G59)
  - 1 foot - 1/8" green silk (SK16)
  - 1 foot - 2" lt. brown solid/crush/wired (AW30)
- Creative Imaginations Products:
  - Luminarte™ twinkling H2O's (mallard, sunflower & ginger peach)
  - 12"x12" sheet, cream music paper

\*lengths = one placeholder



## INSTRUCTIONS

**step 1** – with a rolling pin, roll out half a block of paperclay until it is roughly 1/4" thick (tip: place a piece of wax paper on top of paperclay to keep your rolling pin clean.) next, lay out individual fresh leaves on top of your rolled paperclay, cover the leaves with the sheet of wax paper, and roll to make leaf impressions. with an xacto knife, carefully trim around leaves, then pull them away from the paperclay and discard. you are left with individual clay leaves.

**step 2** – using your metal alphabet stamp, imprint each guest's name onto individual leaves. next, with a paperclip, poke a hole roughly 1/8" in diameter into bottom tip of leaf. let leaves dry 2-3 days. (tip: while drying, mold them over a cooking tin or egg carton to create natural shapes.)

**step 3** – when leaves are dry, paint a solid coat of acrylic green paint for a base. let paint dry. with water on your paint brush and a pot of mallard (green) Luminarte™ twinkling H2O's paint the entire leaf front and back. let dry. to give the leaves an autumn look, alternately add random brush strokes of sunflower & ginger peach (orange & yellow) luminarte paint. once dry, spray a light coat of triple thick acrylic spray onto the leaves to set the H2O paint.

**step 4** – with a dry brush, push white acrylic paint into stamped letter impressions. quickly wipe top layer off with a damp paper towel. the result will be a white highlight where the letters are and your guests will be able to read their name.

**step 5** – to finish, spray a coat of triple thick acrylic spray onto the leaves, front and back.

**step 6** – to add the ribbon "stems" to your finished leaves, simply thread the 1/4" gold wire and the 1/8" green silk through the hole you created and knot on the backside.

**step 7** – to set table, layer a clear plate on top of a solid colored plate. measure inner diameter of the back of clear plate and cut same sized circle out of your music paper. position behind clear plate.

**step 8** – fold a napkin in half and roll. take the 2" crush wire and scrunch the ribbon away from the wire on both sides. wrap ribbon around napkin and twist exposed wire to secure napkin holder.

**step 9** – using a pencil, twist gold wired ribbon to form curls. next, artfully position ribbon and leaves around ribbon napkin ring.

**step 10** – enjoy your beautiful holiday table decor!