

Leaf Sun Catchers Instructions

Items you are given: 3 pieces of cardstock (colors vary), leaf pattern, tissue squares, wax paper, string

Items you will need: white glue, scissors, pencil, paintbrush, tape

Step 1: Cut out the leaf pattern (including the center oval) and trace it onto your cardstock papers.

Step 2: Cut out the leaves from the cardstock, being sure to also cut out the center oval.

Step 3: Paint a thin layer of glue onto your wax paper, doing a section at a time. Then, while the glue is still wet, stick on tissue squares, overlapping them a bit so no wax paper shows between the squares. Continue doing this until enough of your wax paper is covered with glued on tissue to cover the openings in the leaves you cut out in Step 2. If any edges of the tissue papers stick up, gently brush more glue over them to help them stay down. Let this dry before moving to the next step.

Step 4: Glue the leaves over the tissue-papered wax paper, so that the colors show through the openings. You can overlap the leaves to keep them in a straight line to make one larger decoration (like the example below) or do them individually to get three decorations. The choice is completely yours. **(Note: if any pencil marks are showing on your cut out leaves, from where you traced the pattern, use the pencil mark side to glue to the wax paper.)**

Step 5: Let everything dry completely.

Step 6: Trim off any wax paper that hangs over the edges. You can also carefully tear excess wax paper away, being sure not to remove any that is over the leaf openings.

Step 7: Tape a hanger to the decoration (or to each of the three decorations if you choose to make three separate ones) and hang your finished craft in a sunny window to see how the light shines through the tissue colors.

