



Yarn Leaves

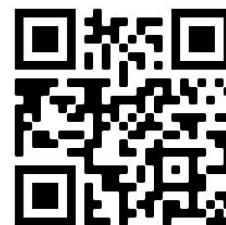
What Are Yarn Leaves?

Capturing the autumn spirit, DIY Yarn Leaves are a fun arts and crafts activity that will allow kids to express themselves through art while learning about what makes fall so special. This easy-to-complete DIY activity is a quick and simple way to get the home/classroom decorated for fall. Not only will kids get to learn more about the fall season, they will also get to proudly display their fantastic creations for friends and family to see!

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Required Materials:

- Red and Yellow Yarn (Item #32447)
- Fall-Colored Construction Paper (Item #46048)
- Scissors (Item #95779)
- Double-Sided Tape
- Pencil or Pen
- Cardboard



1. Cardboard Yarn Leaf

One way to complete this fun activity is to begin by having children wrap their yarn (red, yellow, or both) around a rectangular strip of cardboard. Next, help the kids fold their construction paper in half (folded sideways so that the paper is tall as shown in the video) and have them trace half of their leaf shape along the center fold. Help them cut along their traced pattern on the folded paper so that when the paper is unfolded, the shape of a leaf is in the center of the paper. Finally, instruct the children to place their papers over the yarn-wrapped cardboard and your DIY Yarn Leaf is ready!

2. Double-Sided Tape Yarn Leaf

An alternative approach to this activity is to begin by instructing children to fold their construction paper (in the same way as explained above). Have them trace half of a leaf shape along the center fold and help them cut along their traced pattern on the folded paper so that when the paper is unfolded, the shape of a leaf is in the center of the paper. Next, have them line the sides of the paper with double-sided tape running from top to bottom. From here, the kids should peel back the protective layer on the tape revealing its adhesive side. Help them cut strings of yarn that are about as long as the construction paper's width (the yarn should preferably be the opposite color of their construction paper to create more dynamic color patterns; i.e. yellow yarn for red paper or red yarn for yellow paper). After the yarn strings have been cut, kids will be able to run each string across the leaf pattern with the end points of the string being placed on the tape. Finally, have them place another sheet of construction paper (of the opposite color to your original sheet) underneath their creation and use the tape to stick them together. With that, the DIY Yarn Leaf activity is complete!

