



Coffee Filter Leaves Craft

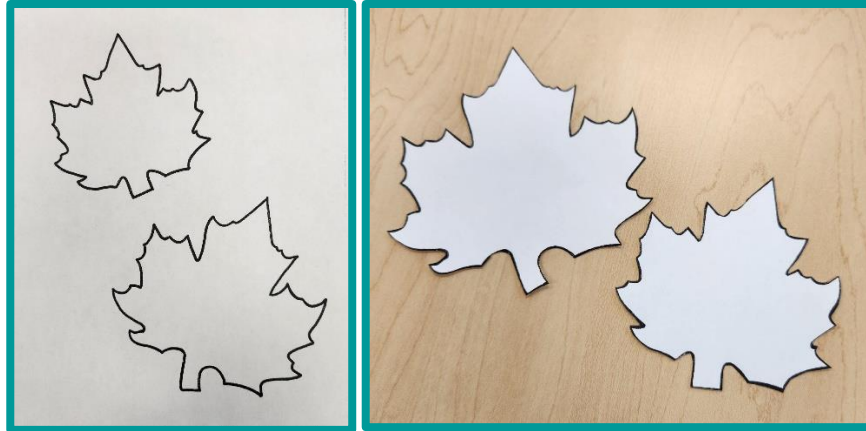


The beauty of God's creation is all around us. Just like learning to spot ways to be generous, children can learn to spot God's handiwork and goodness—His generosity toward us. This craft allows your children to enjoy emulating God's creativity by making leaves. Though our creations will never be as glorious as His, exercising creativity is a beautiful way we reflect the image of God. Enjoy!

You will need:

- KGM's leaf template
- Scissors
- Coffee filters
- Markers
- Spray bottle
- Paper towels
- Pencil
- Piece of paper (optional)





Print KGM's Leaf Template from the Generosity Detectives resources. Cut out one or both of the two leaf outlines. These will be used as stencils.



Take a coffee filter, press it flat, and color it with the leaf color of your choice. Because the filter is thin, you may want to put a piece of paper underneath to prevent the marker from leaking onto the table.



To add depth and texture, overlay the first color with a second color. In the example above, a light green is layered over the dark green.



Once the coloring is complete, place the coffee filter on some paper towels and douse it using water from a spray bottle. The paper towels prevent the color from leaking onto the table. The water causes the colors to blur together.



When the coffee filter is dry, take the leaf stencil and place it on the filter. You can choose to place it on the portion of the filter where the colors look best.



Trace the leaf outline onto the filter using a pencil, then cut the filter along the traced lines. Your leaf is now complete.

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Alternate possibilities:



Make autumn leaves by using shades of red, orange, yellow, or brown instead of green.

Use many colors instead of one or two. The autumn leaf above was created using yellow, orange, and two shades of red.

Instead of using KGM's leaf template, go into the yard and collect real leaves to trace onto the filters.



Glue the leaf to a piece of construction paper. Cut around the leaf leaving a slightly larger outline than the original leaf so the construction paper creates a frame, as shown above.

Glue the leaf to the front of a homemade card and send to a friend.