



HAMPTON & FRIENDS

Activities for Adventurers of All Ages

Fall Leaf Candleholder



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This fun craft makes a nice centerpiece or gift for friends. As a bonus, the whole family can help!

MATERIALS:

- Leaves (real or artificial)
- Mason jar (one without patterns or ridges works best)
- Mod Podge
- Sponge brush

DIRECTIONS:

- 1** Collect your leaves! If purchasing from a craft store, choose thin fabric leaves. They should be malleable so they conform to the shape of the jar with ease. If opting for real leaves, make sure to find freshly fallen, colored leaves that are relatively clean and not crunchy or dry. Fresh leaves will need to be pressed for a week. Place the leaves between the pages of a large book and stack heavy items on top.
- 2** Clean the outside of your jar — the leaves will not stick to a dirty jar.
- 3** Use the sponge brush and Mod Podge to coat a leaf-sized spot on your jar. Once the layer of Mod Podge becomes sticky, place a leaf and brush over it with another layer of mod podge. Use your fingers to smooth out the leaf until it sticks. As the Mod Podge dries, the leaves will begin to stick better.
- 4** Repeat until the jar is covered with a thin layer of leaves. Overlap leaves in some places, but remember the fewer the layers, the more light will shine though when you are done.

Place a candle in your jar and enjoy!