
Cricut Crafts: DIY Fall Leaves Wreath with Lia Griffith

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

(peppy music) - Hi, I'm Lia. I'm a blogger and a paper craft designer at liagriffith.com. I've teamed up with Creativebug and Cricut. And we're going to make a paper fall wreath. Fall always reminds me of going back to school. And remember those cut paper leaves that would decorate our classrooms? Well, we're gonna do a play on that. But with this version, we're gonna do a twist with a Luxe metallic paper. I'm gonna show you how to use the Cricut machine to cut and score your leaves. And this will add an extra dimension. And then we're going to attach the leaves onto a premade grapevine wreath with hot glue. And this is gonna make a beautiful wreath that you can hang on your door.

Chapter 2 - Materials

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- This project comes together quick and easy, and you'll need very little materials. You'll need a computer, and the Cricut explorer, of course. For the leaves, I'm using a gold, plum, copper, and red paper. These are all metallic papers and I ordered them online, but you can use any paper you want. You need about 12 sheets for the project. We're making this out of premade grapevine wreath which adds a really nice wild fall look. I have my hot glue gun, a light grip cutting mat, my Cricut spatula tool, and the Cricut scoring tool. And that's it.

Chapter 3 - Cut Shapes

Create leaves using Cricut

- To start this project, I'm going to open up my leaf template in Design Space. I'm going to start with the purple leaf and I have it open here. And you can see over here in the layers palette that I have both the score and the cut. So, this is ready to go. You just want to click the green button. I can see the leaves are set up on a horizontal direction on the mat. So that's how I'll put my paper on to the mat. I'm going to line it up right in the left hand corner, and then lightly press it down. Going back to my computer, I'll click the go button. The first thing I'll do is set the dial to the right materials. And even though this is not a card stock, it is a heavier paper, so I'm going to set it on a light card stock. Since we're using the score tool I'm going to insert it into the holder, the arrow pointing down, and just click it, and then close the latch. I want to make sure and put my mat underneath these tabs and press it right up to the rollers. When the arrow button is flashing it's ready to load the mat. When you see the cricket button flashing you're ready to score and cut. When it stops cutting you can go ahead and press the arrow button and it will eject the mat. This is the fun part. We get to see how the leaves look. Carefully go underneath the paper and peel off the excess. And then I'll go ahead and peel off each leaf. Go ahead and cut two more sheets of purple and then the rest of your colors. And moving on to the copper paper. Once your leaves are cut, you'll want to fold them right down the center score line. The score lines add a little bit more dimension to the leaf and make it look a little more lux but I'm only going to fold down the center. This pot of leaves looks really pretty as it is but let's take it to the next level and make a wreath.

Chapter 4 - Finish

Assemble wreath and finish

- The leaves are attached to this wreath with hot glue. And I have my hot glue gun set on a low heat. That's all you need for paper. I find that the easiest way to assemble the wreath is to pick the largest leaf and glue it all the way around the wreath in just the one color then move to the next color. So I'll put quite a bit of glue on the back of the base of the leaf and I'm gonna place it right onto the stick. This is a styling decision so it's up to you but I prefer to do my leaves all in one direction so that it has a movement in a circle. (paper rustling) And then I'll move from one side of the wreath to the other. I'm giving it somewhat of a visual rhythm placing the leaves. (paper rustling) So you can place your leaves very randomly or you can do them spaced out fairly evenly like I've done, that's up to you. It will look beautiful either way. (paper rustling) Now I'll glue on the red leaves. (paper rustling) Make sure as you glue each leaf on that you're actually gluing it to a twig so that you have no chance of it falling off. (paper rustling) It helps to rotate your wreath so you can make sure you get leaves on all sides. Now I'm ready for my gold leaves. As I add more leaves, I'm gonna wanna tuck some of them back behind the others. (paper rustling) So I'm just rotating the wreath to see if there are any places I need the gold leaves. And now I'm ready to add the purple, which is the smallest leaf. (paper rustling) So I have the whole circle of purple leaves in and I'm gonna look for any holes that I might have. Like maybe one right here. (paper rustling) This looks good to me. You may have a smaller wreath or a larger one. You may wanna add more leaves or less, it's up to you. So to finish this off I'm just gonna remove my glue strings. I just love these fall leaves, and you can make them in a wreath like this or you can sew them together, make a garland, or even just place a pile of them in a bowl in the middle of your table. It's all really beautiful.