

# Thanksgiving Paper Leaf Garland

Let's get ready for Thanksgiving with a beautiful paper leaf garland that brings the warm colors of autumn into your home! This easy and festive craft is perfect for decorating mantels, doorways, or walls for your Thanksgiving celebration. Gather the family, cut out colorful leaves, and string them together for a decoration that will make your home feel cozy and inviting.



## **Materials List:**

- Colored construction paper (in fall colors like red, orange, yellow, and brown)
- Scissors (for cutting out leaf shapes)
- Leaf stencils (or freehand your own leaf designs)
- Markers or colored pencils (for writing messages or drawing leaf veins)
- Hole punch (to string the garland)
- String, twine, or ribbon (to hang your garland)
- Glue or tape (optional, for attaching extras)
- Glitter glue or metallic pens (to add a touch of sparkle)

## Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!

1. **Draw or Trace Leaves:** Use leaf stencils or draw your own leaf shapes on the construction paper in various fall colors. Aim for a mix of large and small leaves to create variety in your garland.
2. **Cut Out the Leaves:** Carefully cut out each leaf. Make as many as you like, depending on how long you want your garland to be!
3. **Add Details:** Use markers or colored pencils to add details to your leaves. Draw veins, write thankful messages, or add special dates to make each leaf unique.
4. **Punch Holes:** Punch a small hole at the top of each leaf, so you can thread them onto the string or ribbon.
5. **String the Leaves Together:** Thread your leaves onto a piece of string, twine, or ribbon, spacing them out as you like. You can also tie little knots between each leaf to keep them in place.
6. **Hang Your Garland:** Once all your leaves are strung together, find the perfect spot to hang your garland—across a mantel, on a wall, or around a doorway. Your home is now ready for Thanksgiving!

### Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!

- **Personalized Leaves:** Have each family member write something they're thankful for on a leaf. This adds a special touch to your garland and makes it a meaningful part of your Thanksgiving decor.
- **3D Leaves:** Fold some of your leaves slightly down the center to create a 3D effect, making your garland look more lifelike and dynamic.
- **Nature-Inspired Garland:** Mix real elements like acorns, pinecones, or small twigs between the paper leaves for a rustic, natural look.