

The Fall Craft Kit

A printable companion to Easy Fall Crafts for Kids

Print this kit and keep it with your craft supplies. It gives you the supply list, the five crafts as step cards you can hand to a child, the age and mess guide, and a page to record what you actually made — everything you need to run a craft afternoon without scrolling back through the article.

The Five Crafts at a Glance

Craft	Time	Best age	Mess
Coffee-filter leaf suncatchers	20 min + drying	3+	Low
Autumn leaf scavenger hunt	30 – 45 min	2+	None
Mason jar tree luminaries	30 min + drying	3+	Medium
Apple-print pumpkins	20 min	18 months+	Medium
Stress-ball pumpkins	15 min	5+	High

Times are hands-on time only. Add 30 to 60 minutes of drying for the suncatchers and the luminaries before the next step.

Supply Checklist

Tick what you already have before you buy anything. Most of this is already in a kitchen drawer.

Section	Item	On hand?
Paper	Round white coffee filters (a pack of 100)	
Paper	Heavy cream or white cardstock	
Paper	Brown cardstock or a brown paper bag	
Paint	Liquid watercolours, or food colouring to dilute	
Paint	Orange, green and black washable paint	
Tools	Eye dropper or a small paintbrush	
Tools	Mod Podge or a white craft glue	
Tools	A funnel, or paper to roll one	
Tools	A black permanent marker	
Containers	Plain glass mason jars (one per child)	
Containers	An empty plastic water bottle	
Containers	A disposable foil tray or a baking sheet	
Filling	Plain flour (1 cup per stress ball)	
Decor	Red, yellow and orange tissue paper	
Decor	Adhesive googly eyes	
Decor	Brown and green pipe cleaners	
Decor	Tealight or votive candles	
Outdoor	A gallon zip bag or brown lunch bags	
Kitchen	One apple, halved and dried	

Substitutions that work: cornstarch or fine sand for the stress-ball filling; a paper cone for the funnel; a clean jam jar for the mason jar.

The Five Crafts, as Step Cards

Cut these out and hand one to each child. Each card is written so a reader can follow it without an adult reading it aloud.

1. Coffee-Filter Leaf Suncatchers

Cut leaf shapes from round coffee filters. Lay them in a foil tray. Drip two or three colours onto each leaf with an eye dropper. Let them dry on plastic wrap — they tear when wet. Tape them to a sunny window.

2. Autumn Leaf Scavenger Hunt

Give each child a bag. Hunt for brown, yellow, red, orange, green and multicoloured leaves, plus acorns and pinecones. Sort the finds into bags by type. Add googly eyes and pipe cleaners to make leaf people.

3. Mason Jar Tree Luminaries

Tear tissue paper into small pieces. Brush glue onto one small patch of the jar at a time and press the paper on. Do two layers for a rich glow. When dry, glue on a brown cardstock tree. Add a tealight.

4. Apple-Print Pumpkins

Halve an apple and dry the cut face well. Dip it in orange paint and stamp it on heavy paper. Repeat in a row to make a pumpkin patch. Add googly eyes, or paint a jack-o-lantern face. Add a pipe-cleaner stem and vine.

5. Stress-Ball Pumpkins

Put one cup of flour in a plastic bottle using a funnel. Blow up a balloon and stretch its neck over the bottle top. Turn it over and squeeze gently until the flour drops in. Release the air, tie the knot, and draw a face.

Age Guide

Age	What they can do alone	What needs you
18 months – 2	Stamp the apple, tear tissue paper, collect leaves	Everything sharp, hot or poured; keep the flour bag away
3 – 4	Drip colour, press tissue paper, sort leaves by colour	Cutting leaf shapes, tying knots, lighting candles
5 – 6	Cut simple shapes, glue a tree silhouette, draw faces	Filling the balloon, the funnel step, the candle
7 – 9	The whole stress-ball build, the whole scavenger hunt	A check on the knot before it is squeezed
10+	All five, start to finish, and can run them for a younger child	Only the candle

Mess Ranking and Clean-Up

Craft	Mess level	Protect this	Clean up with
Scavenger hunt	None	Nothing	Nothing
Suncatchers	Low	The table, under the tray	A damp cloth
Luminaries	Medium	The table, and sleeves	Warm water before the glue sets
Apple-print pumpkins	Medium	The table, and the apple face	A damp cloth while the paint is wet
Stress-ball pumpkins	High	The floor, and the whole room	A vacuum, not a cloth

The flour step is the only one that genuinely spreads. Do it over a tray, on a hard floor, and keep the vacuum nearby before you start rather than after.

Before You Start

- The table is covered, or you have accepted the table as it is.
- Every child has an apron or a shirt you do not mind losing.
- The drying shelf is clear and out of reach of the cat.
- The flour bag is closed and put away before the balloons come out.
- You have decided which craft is the one you will actually finish today.

What We Made

Fill this in as you go. It is the page that makes next autumn easier — you will know which craft worked and which one you will skip.

Date	Craft	Who did it	Worked?	Do again?

Next Year's List

Crafts to repeat

Crafts to skip

Supplies to buy early

Leaves to collect in September

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