



## Indian Summer – FIMO autumn leaves decoration



**Leaves in all kinds of bright colours are typical of autumn - and they make wonderful decorations!**

FIMO autumn leaves decorations don't just look lovely, they won't wither, either. With colour gradients in typical autumnal colours, these will bring the brilliant colours of an Indian Summer into your living room.



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## Step-by-step tutorial



1

Take one block each of FIMO soft in cherry red and sunflower, roll each into a ball and then roll out into a sheet using the acrylic roller. Now pass each sheet through the clay machine on setting 1 to make two sheets of the same thickness.

**Tip:** Work in progress and left-over material should be protected against sun and heat and can be stored in a screw-top jar or in cling film to protect it from dust and dirt.

2

To create the colour gradient, cut a rectangle from each colour. Cut each single colour rectangle in half diagonally. Don't cut precisely from corner to corner: make your cut a little off centre.

Place the resulting triangles back together to form rectangles made of two colours.

Roll over once with the acrylic roller, so that the two triangles join at the seam.



3

Then fold the rectangular sheet so that the same colours are on top of each other at the side edges (yellow on yellow, red on red).

Be careful to ensure that there is a single coloured strip of FIMO at each end.



4

Now pass through the clay machine (setting 1), fold first.



5

Fold the FIMO sheet again in the same way and pass through the clay machine again, fold first.

Be careful to ensure that the right and left edges are in single colours. Keep folding and passing through the machine until you have an even colour gradient from yellow to red.

6

Cut out a leaf shape using the cutter.





7

Now use the modelling tool to add the fine details of the leaf and pierce a hole in the top of the leaf using the bead piercing needle or the modelling tool, so that it can be hung up later.

You can create as many different leaves as you like in this way. Leaves with a yellow to green colour gradient look pretty, too.

Now lay all the leaves on baking paper, harden in the oven at 110°C / 230°F for 30 minutes and allow to cool.

**Tip:** It creates a particularly lovely look if you use a mix of different autumn colour gradients, e.g. red to yellow, yellow to green.

## Instructions for beads



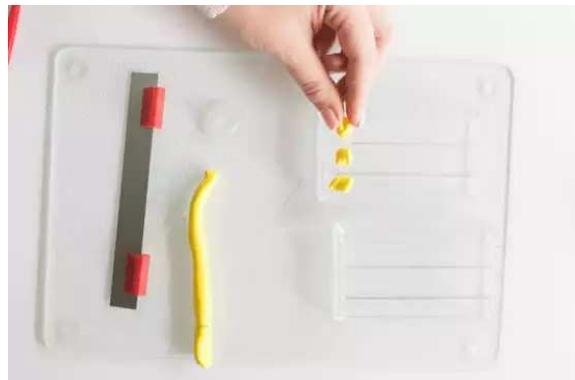
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To create the beads, roll 3 portions of FIMO soft sunflower into a cord.

The cord should be about the same diameter as the portioning ring. Now push the cord into the portioning ring and cut off at the aperture.

2

To make one bead you will need exactly as much FIMO as will fit in the portioning ring. Remove the pre measured FIMO from the portioning ring and place in the bead roller.





3

Close the lid and slide both halves backwards and forwards until you are happy with your bead.

4

Then pierce a hole through the bead using the bead piercing needle. You can make as many beads as you like in this way, in different colours and shapes.

Then harden all the beads in the oven at 110°C / 230°F for 30 minutes and allow to cool.

**Tip:** To harden your beads, arrange them in rows on the bead piercing needle and suspend it over an ovenproof container. This will mean the beads hang in the air in the oven and won't have any pressure marks.



5

To finish, tie the beads to the leaves with lengths of nylon cord. Hang up the leaves in combinations of different colours, with a couple of single colour yellow leaves now and again!

Hang your leaves individually on a branch or take a piece of driftwood and attach several leaves to it. Your FIMO leaf decoration is done!



## Material overview



## What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
<b>FIMO® soft 8020</b> Oven-hardening modelling clay - Single product cherry red	8020-26	3
<b>FIMO® soft 8020</b> Oven-hardening modelling clay - Single product sunflower	8020-16	3
<b>FIMO® 8713</b> Clay machine - Big cardboard box containing clay machine in red colour	8713	1
<b>FIMO® 8700 05</b> Acrylic roller - Blistercard Acrylic roller for an even rolling out of FIMO, for a particularly smooth surface, Ø 25 mm, length 20 cm	8700 05	1
<b>FIMO® 8711</b> Modelling tools - Wallet containing 4 different modelling tools	8711	1
<b>FIMO® 8712 20</b> Bead piercing needles - Blistercard containing 50 bead piercing pins	8712 20	1
<b>FIMO® 8700 14</b> Blades - Blistercard with blade set, 3 pieces (3 rigid blades), 2 rubber grips	8700 14	1

### Additionally required:

Leaf cutter, smooth working surface (glass or ceramic), nylon cord, needle, scissors