

# Autumn Leaf Repeat Printing with Plasticine

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Create beautiful leaf prints with simple materials, suitable for a kitchen table workspace



## Materials

- Plasticine/Modelling Clay or Blue Tack
- Ink pads, or a little bit of whatever ink or paint you have at home
- Biro or sharp pencil
- Selection of coloured paper

## Instructions

**Step 1.** Cut off a small piece of plasticine - about a thumb size.

**Step 2.** Roll the plasticine into a ball shape with your hands to smooth edges. Then roll it into a wide sausage shape.

**Step 3.** Flatten one end of the plasticine by pressing onto the table to squish it down.

**Step 4.** Using a sharp pencil or biro draw a leaf shape into the plasticine. See how the biro indents into the plasticine. Draw the outlines and details of your leaf but keep it simple at first.

**Step 5.** Press the biro into the outer edges of your design so that your drawing pops out like a stamp. Smooth with your fingers or just using the biro point.

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**Step 6.** Your plasticine stamp should be raised up ready to pick up ink.

**Step 7.** Press gently into the ink pad – try patting it lightly at first to see how much ink sits on the plasticine stamp. You should see your design start to come to life in colour!

**Step 8.** Turn your plasticine stamp over onto the paper you have and press it down to print your designs! Repeat the inking and stamping process – be gentle with pressing the plasticine as you re-ink.

**Step 9.** After a few runs of stamping your plasticine stamp will start to smooth over as it's made of very soft material, so at this stage you can re-draw your design by going over your lines and then keep inking up!

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**Step 10.** Fancy a change? You can re-use the plasticine stamp by smoothing over the design and rolling back into a sausage shape.

**Step 11.** After rolling into a sausage shape remember to flatten one end by squishing down onto the table.

**Step 12.** Draw out a new design just like in steps 4-6 and then ink up with a new coloured ink pad if you have one! See how easy it is to design repeat patterns and make cards or decorate notebooks.



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