

LEAFY *Games*

A garden blogger shows you how to dress up your presents with leaves!

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Walking in a forest amongst its foliage is a fascinating experience indeed. Amidst layers of leaves — of multiple shapes and shades — that rustle with each step you take, you discover the world of leaves that have slowly been consumed by time, leaving only subtle designs of their remains. With a little chemistry and patience, one can accelerate the processes of nature to get these beautiful skeletons of leaves to use as a simple and elegant decoration.



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In a litre of water, add a tablespoon of baking soda and a teaspoon of cream of tartar.



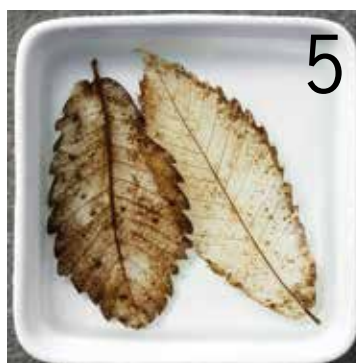
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Just before boiling the solution, soak the leaves in it for a while. Stir gently and continue to boil for about 30 minutes. Remove the pot from the heat and let cool.



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Transfer the leaves to a bowl containing clean cold water.



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Proceed with the removal of the leaf blade by wiping it gently with a toothbrush.



5
The leaf can then be reduced to a skeleton by placing it in water and bleach. It can possibly be subjected to new dye at this stage.



6
For perfect drying, sandwich the leaf between two sheets of absorbent paper placed between the pages of a newspaper.



7
Place some weight over it. Let the leaf remain untouched for 2 to 4 days.



8
And you are done!

9 Use this beauty to prepare a gift package. Low cost and extremely elegant!

