

# Clay Leaf Bowls



Explore your local woodlands, or garden and see if you can find interesting shaped leaves, ideally about the same size as your hand.

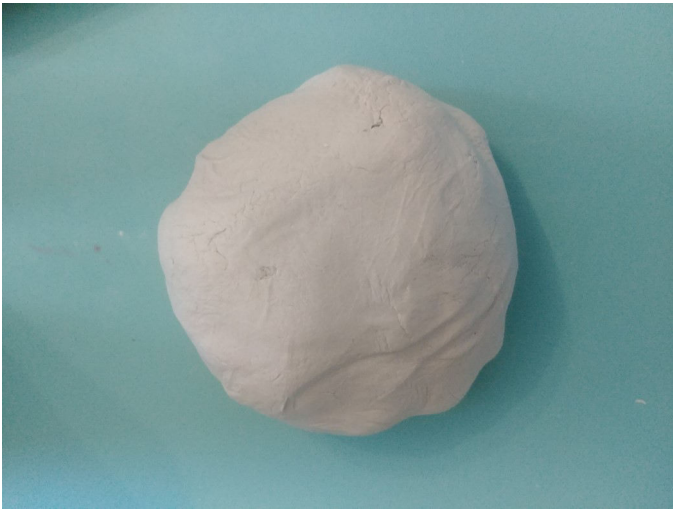
You will be using these as a template to make your own clay leaf bowl.

**To do this activity you will need:**

- 1 or 2 large leaves
- Ball of clay
- Rolling pin
- Mat to work on
- Modelling tool or blunt knife
- Small bowl
- Cling film
- Paints in autumnal colours
- Paintbrush



## Instructions:



Roll the clay into a ball and then flatten it using a rolling pin. It needs to be about 5mm thick. If it is too thin, it will break easily.



Carefully roll the leaf into the clay, gently pressing it down so that the leaf veins imprint onto the clay.



Cut around the edge using a modelling tool and remove the extra clay.





Place a piece of cling film or similar over a small bowl. Place the leaf in the bowl so that the edges curl up the side of the bowl.



Use autumn colours to paint your leaves. So that you can still see the leaf veins, make sure you do not put the paint on too thickly.

When you have finished painting, leave your clay work to dry for a couple of days before you remove it from the bowl to display in your home.

