



Air dry clay is a fun and easy way for kids to make ceramics at home, as you don't need a kiln to dry it!

YOU WILL NEED:

- Air Dry Clay
- Acrylic Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Butter Knife
- Rolling pin (or wine bottle)
- Drying Rack
- Leaves (we used a fiddle-leaf fig, but you can use any leaf from your garden or South Bank and Roma Street Parkland)

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1. Collect your leaves. We used a fiddle-leaf fig, but you can use any leaf that sparks your imagination. Visit South Bank and Roma Street Parkland or your back yard to choose some shapes.



2. Remove some clay from the block and roll flat with the rolling pin or wine bottle.



3. Stamp your leaf into the clay. Be sure to press firmly to ensure all parts of the leaf are imprinted.



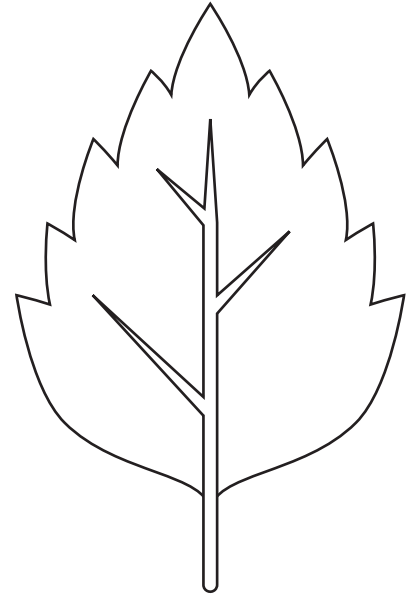
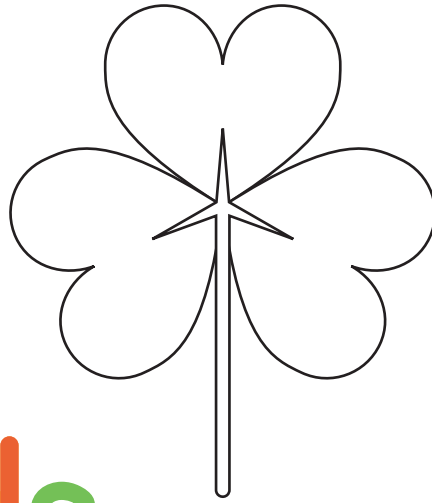
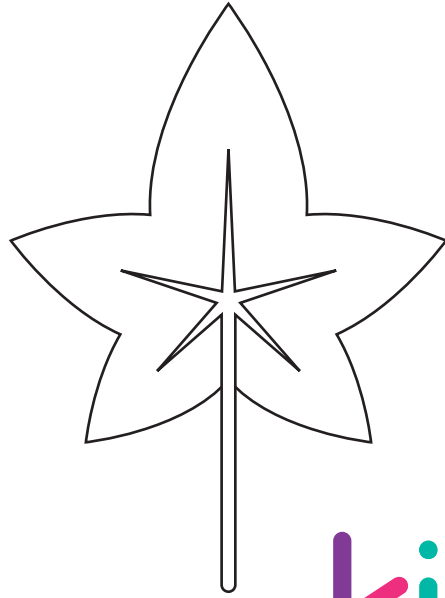
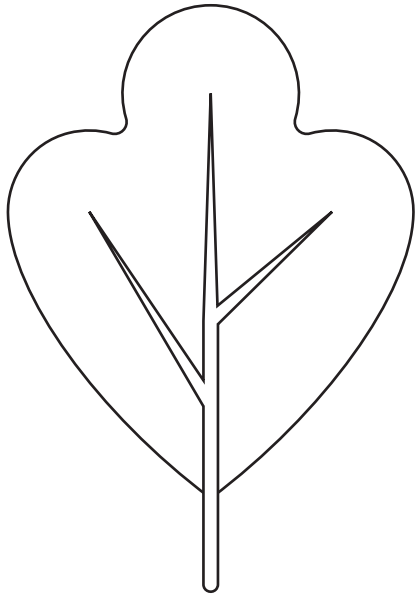
4. Peel the leaf off and cut around the edge with a butter knife. Grown-up assistance required for this step.



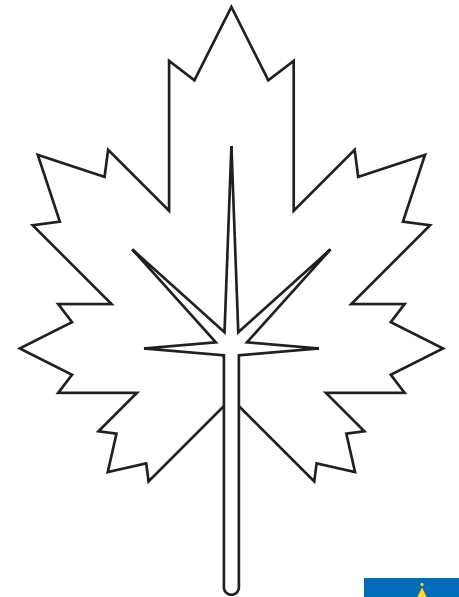
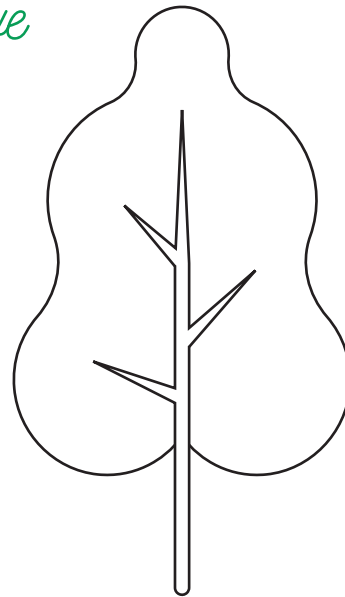
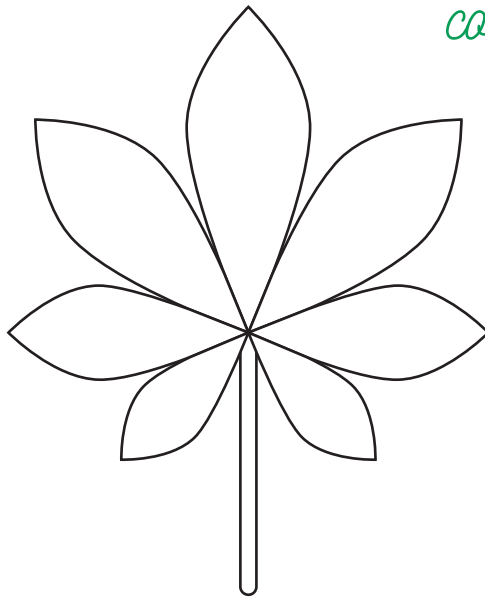
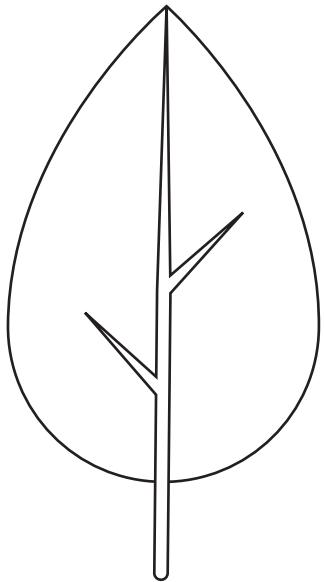
5. Place inside a small bowl to shape the clay. Allow to dry there for 24 hours, then place on your drying rack for a further 24 hours to allow the bottom to air dry too.



6. Once the clay has hardened it's time to paint!



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