

# When Creativity Knocks

All-Star Designers Holiday Series



## Thanksgiving Centerpiece

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Bring a little of the Fall season into your home with this fun project. It combines a little of everything: etching, painting, die cutting and sparkles of glittery shine. This project makes a perfect centerpiece for your holiday table!

### Materials:

- Plain glass vase
- Etchall
  - Etching crème
  - Etchmask self adhesive vinyl
- Smoothfoam®
  - ball - 8"
- Sizzix®
  - BIGkick die cutting machine & leaf die
- DecoArt®
  - Glass Paint Marker
    - Gold
  - Americana Acrylic Paint
    - Dark Chocolate
- True Red
- Glamour Dust Glitter Paint
  - Gold Glitz
- Metallic Lustre
  - Elegant Emerald
- JudiKins®
  - Color Sponge
- Plastic sheet – from old file folder
- Sanding block
- Paint brushes / plastic dish
- Glass cleaner and paper towels
- Rubber gloves

### Instructions:

#### For the vase:

1. Cut the Etchall etchmask vinyl into leaf shapes using the Sizzix BIGkick and leaf die.
2. Clean the vase with glass cleaner and paper towels.
3. Peel the paper backing from the vinyl leaves and apply them adhesive side down around the rim of the vase, pressing down firmly.
4. Brush a thick coat of Etchall etching crème diagonally on the vase. Let sit 15 minutes then brush the etching crème off and back into the jar. Wash the vase under running water and dry well with paper towels. Peel off the vinyl leaves.
5. Using the DecoArt glass paint marker, write the words "Give Thanks" on the etched vase and add details to the leaves.

#### For the ball:

6. Sand the surface of the Smoothfoam ball with the sanding block to remove any imperfections. Wipe with a damp paper towel.
7. Mix a squirt of DecoArt Dark Chocolate paint with a squirt of the True Red paint. Mix with the brush and apply a coat to the Smoothfoam ball. Let dry.
8. Use the Judikins Color Sponge to apply DecoArt Metallic Lustre Emerald Green lightly onto the ball. Buff with a paper towel.

9. Brush a coat of Dark Chocolate paint lightly on the ball so that the emerald green is still visible underneath. Let dry.

10. Make a leaf stencil by die cutting the piece of plastic folder with the leaf die. \*\*Tip: wrap the edges of the stencil with tape to make it easier to hold.

11. Use the gold paint marker and the stencil to draw leaves all over the surface of the ball.

12. Fill in each leaf with gold glitter paint.

13. Place the painted ball on the etched glass vase and enjoy!