## **Apple Plate**

Make an apple plate that's pretty and functional.

## You will need:

- Clear 10" plastic disposable plate
- Green permanent marker
- Mod Podge
- Small mixing cup
- Paintbrush or foam brush
- Red tissue paper
- · Printout of leaves and stem

Print a <u>picture</u> of a finished plate to show your crafters.



## To make an apple plate:

- 1. Cut out one stem with leaves. Color the leaves with a green permanent marker.
- 2. Paint the **front** of the leaves with a little Mod Podge. Turn the plastic plate over. Place the leaves facedown on the back of the plate, lining up the tip of the stem and the tops of the leaves along the outside edge of the plate. Press them in place.



- 3. Tear some tissue paper into pieces about 1" X 2". Start with about 20 pieces.
- 4. Pour some Mod Podge into a cup and dilute it with a little water so that it is easier to spread.

- 5. Brush Mod Podge over a section of the rim and cover it with pieces of tissue paper. Start at one of the leaves and cover about a quarter of the rim at a time. Overlap the pieces as you go. Do not put tissue paper between the leaves or over the stem. (This area remains clear.)
- 6. When you are finished with the rim, fill in the center of the plate with more Mod Podge and tissue paper, working with a section at a time.
- 7. Cover the entire back of the plate with a final coat of Mod Podge, smoothing out the tissue paper as you go.
- 8. Trim off any excess paper. Run your fingers around the rim of the plate to fold back any edges of tissue extending beyond the edge of the plate.



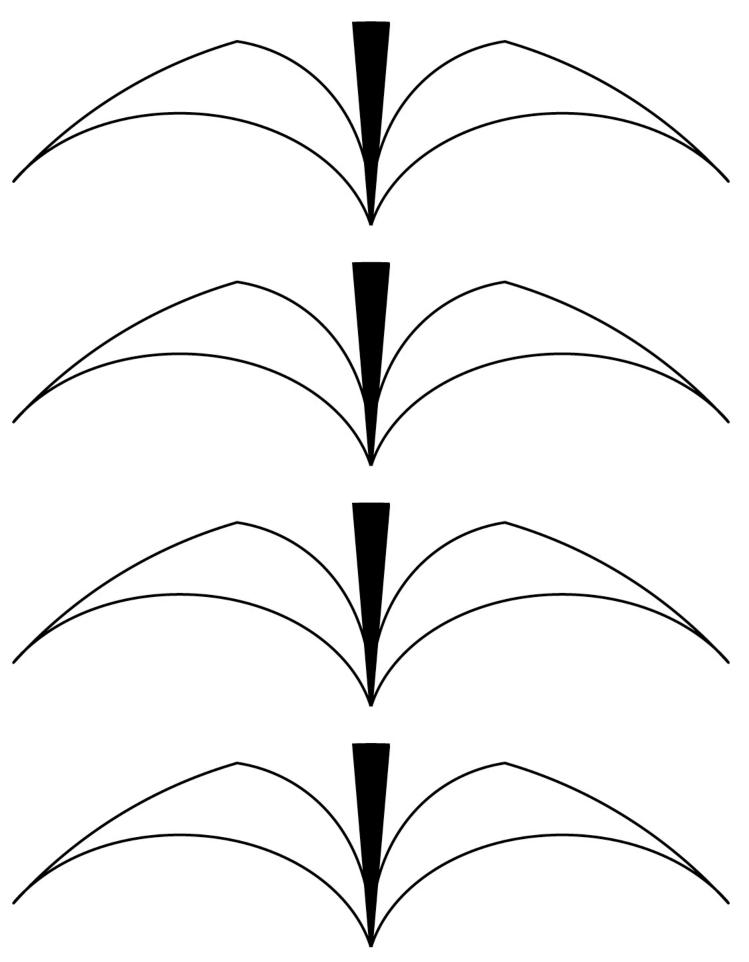




- 9. Allow the plate to dry overnight.
- 10. Do not submerge the plate in water. Use a damp cloth to clean the surface and enjoy the plate for years.

## Ideas & Uses:

- To make a heavier plate, glue another clear plastic plate on the back, using a bead of tacky glue around the rim.
- Use the plates for the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah. It is customary to eat apples dipped in honey on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize a "sweet" New Year. The apples are often served on a special apple honey plate.
- Use the plates anytime you want to serve an apple snack.
- Put the plates on a plate stand for display.





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