

Bread Dough Gratitude Ornament

Turn slices of white bread into air-dry clay. Turn the clay into a maple leaf with an expression of gratitude stamped in the center.

To make the clay you will need:

- 2 slices of plain white bread
- Elmer's school glue
- Dish soap
- Liquid food coloring (yellow and red)
- Disposable plastic spoon
- Disposable plastic bowl
- 2 Ziploc sandwich bags

To make the ornament you will need:

- [Maple leaf pattern](#) printed on card stock
- Twine (10" long)
- Drinking straw
- Thin 3" twig (the width of a wooden skewer)
- Alphabet rubber stamps (letter height: 1/4"–1/2")
- Wax paper
- Rolling pin
- Cooling rack
- Butter knife or paring knife
- Scissors



Display a photo of a completed [Bread Dough Ornament](#) to attract crafters.

Directions:

1. Remove the crust from the 2 slices of bread. Then tear the bread into small pieces and place them in a plastic bowl.
2. Fill a plastic spoon with Elmer's glue. Add a drop of dish soap as shown.
3. Drizzle the glue over the bread pieces and stir to lightly coat as many pieces as possible. Be sure to remove all the glue from the spoon by using bread pieces to wipe it clean.



4. Knead the dough with your fingers for about 5 minutes, or until the dough begins to feel smooth like clay.
5. Break the "clay" in half and roll into 2 balls. Press a divot in each ball using your thumb. Fill the indentation with 3 drops of food coloring. One ball will be red, and the other one will be yellow.
6. Place the clay in sandwich bags and knead to distribute the color. Remove the colored clay from the bags and knead a few minutes more.



7. Roll the clay into balls. Tear the 2 balls in half and combine a piece of yellow clay and piece of red to make orange as shown on the previous page.
8. Break each of the 3 colors into about 6 pieces. Combine them into a ball as shown below.

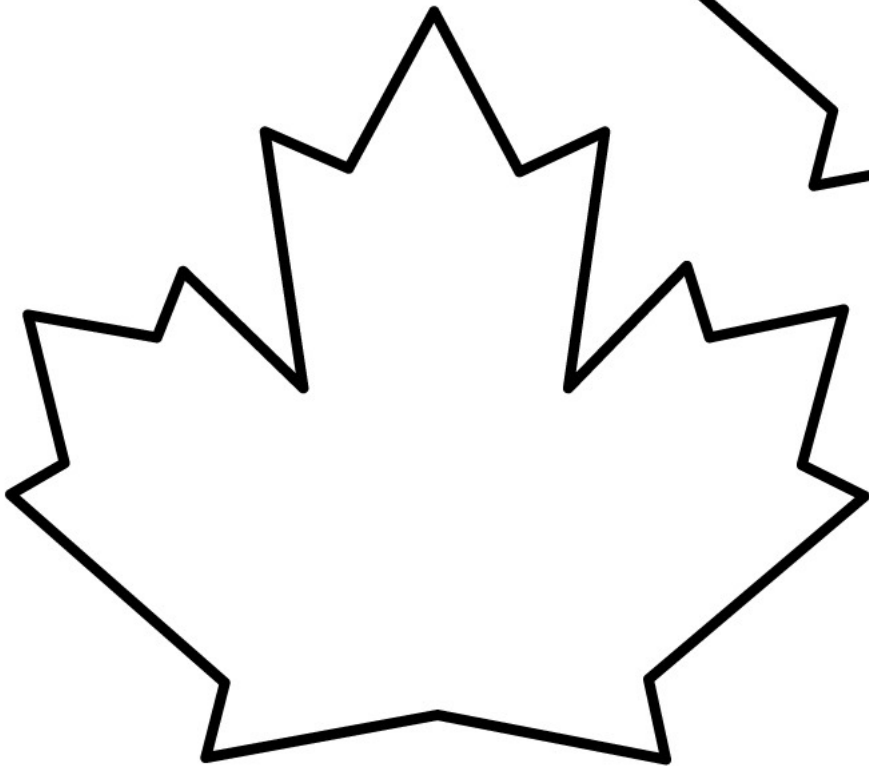
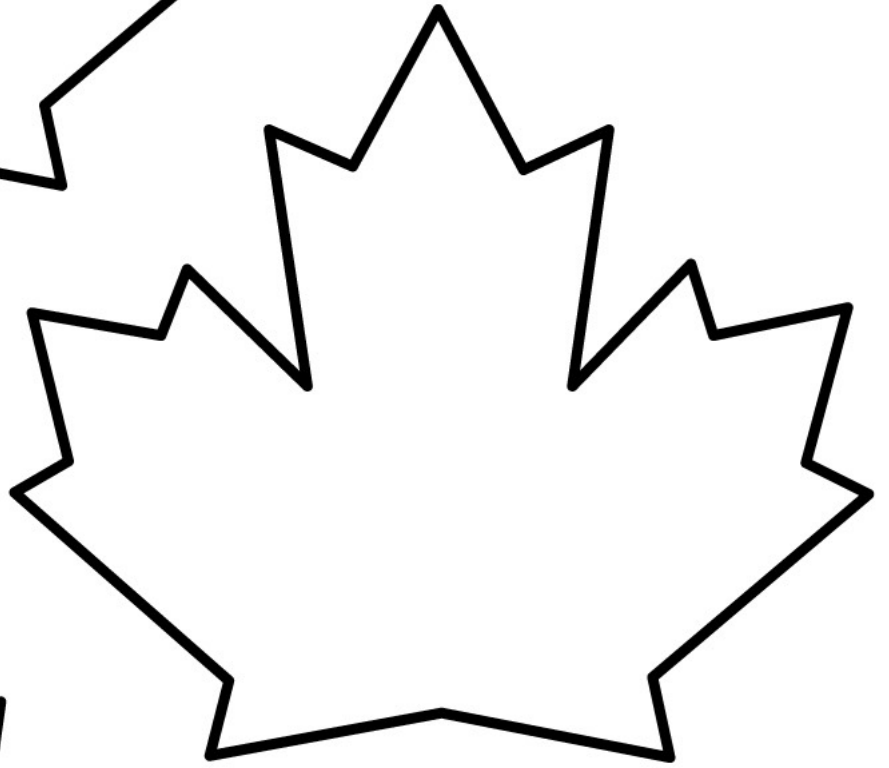
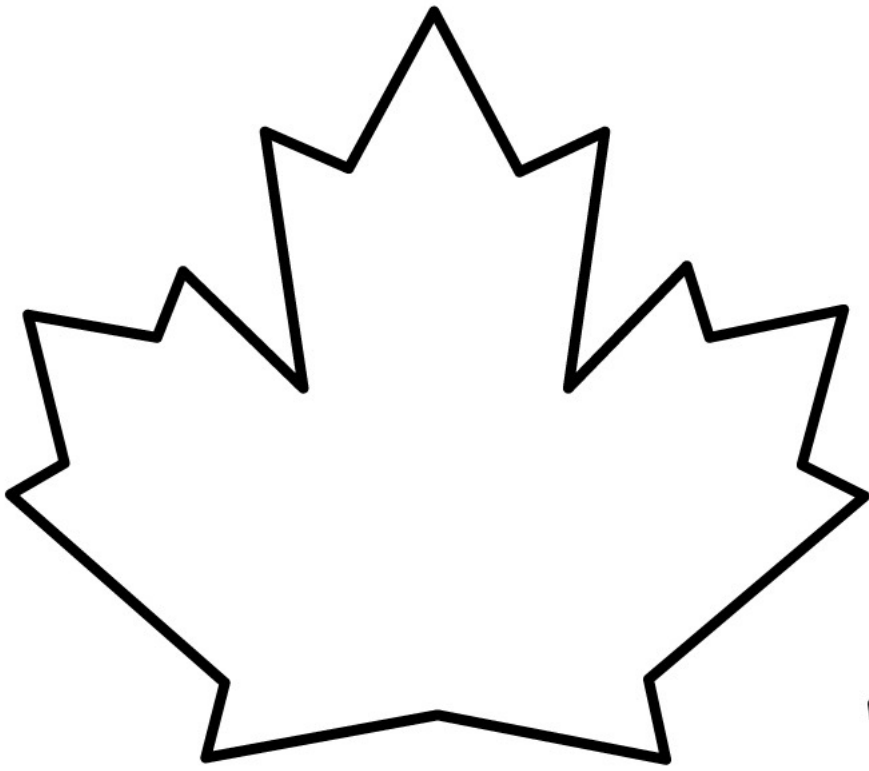


9. Place the clay on wax paper and flatten with a rolling pin until you have a 5" disc.
10. Cut out a maple leaf pattern and place it on top of the clay. Use a knife to cut out the shape and then remove the pattern.
11. Stick the end of the twig into the clay to make a stem. Cover the end of the twig with a small amount of excess clay, as shown in the first photo below.



12. Carefully turn the leaf over and punch out a hole at the top using the end of a drinking straw. Then use rubber stamps to press a message into the clay.

13. Set your ornament on a cooling rack to air-dry for 24 to 48 hours.
 14. When dry, add twine through the hole for hanging.
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