

July Holiday Door Décor

Whether you are celebrating the Fourth of July or Canada Day, here is a festive decoration for your door.

You will need:

- 3 squares of cardboard (11", 8", and 6")
- Scrapbook paper with subtle patterns in patriotic colors. (Use off-white or grays for white.)
- [Star or leaf pattern](#) printed on card stock
- Wire (36" long)
- Brown acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush or paper towel to apply paint
- Disposable palette (paper or plastic plate or lid)
- Raffia
- Wooden skewer (any length)
- Sturdy scissors
- Pen
- Double-sided tape
- Glue stick



Print a [picture of completed door decorations](#) to show crafters. Post a copy on your bulletin board to create interest in the activity.

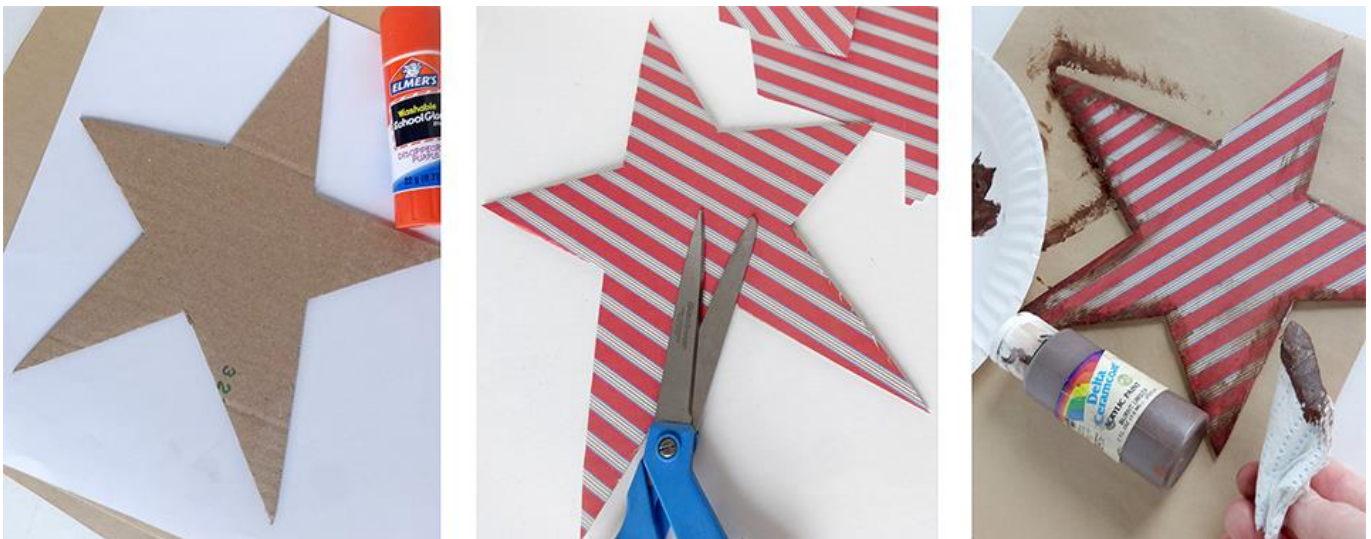
Directions:

1. Cut out the largest pattern along the solid black line. Trace it onto an 11" X 11" square of cardboard. Cut the shape (star or leaf) out as shown on the following page.
2. Cut out the next pattern shape along the dashed line as shown in the center photo. Trace the pattern onto an 8" square of cardboard and then cut out the cardboard shape.

3. Cut out the smallest pattern along the solid black line and then trace and cut the shape out of a 6" square of cardboard as shown below.



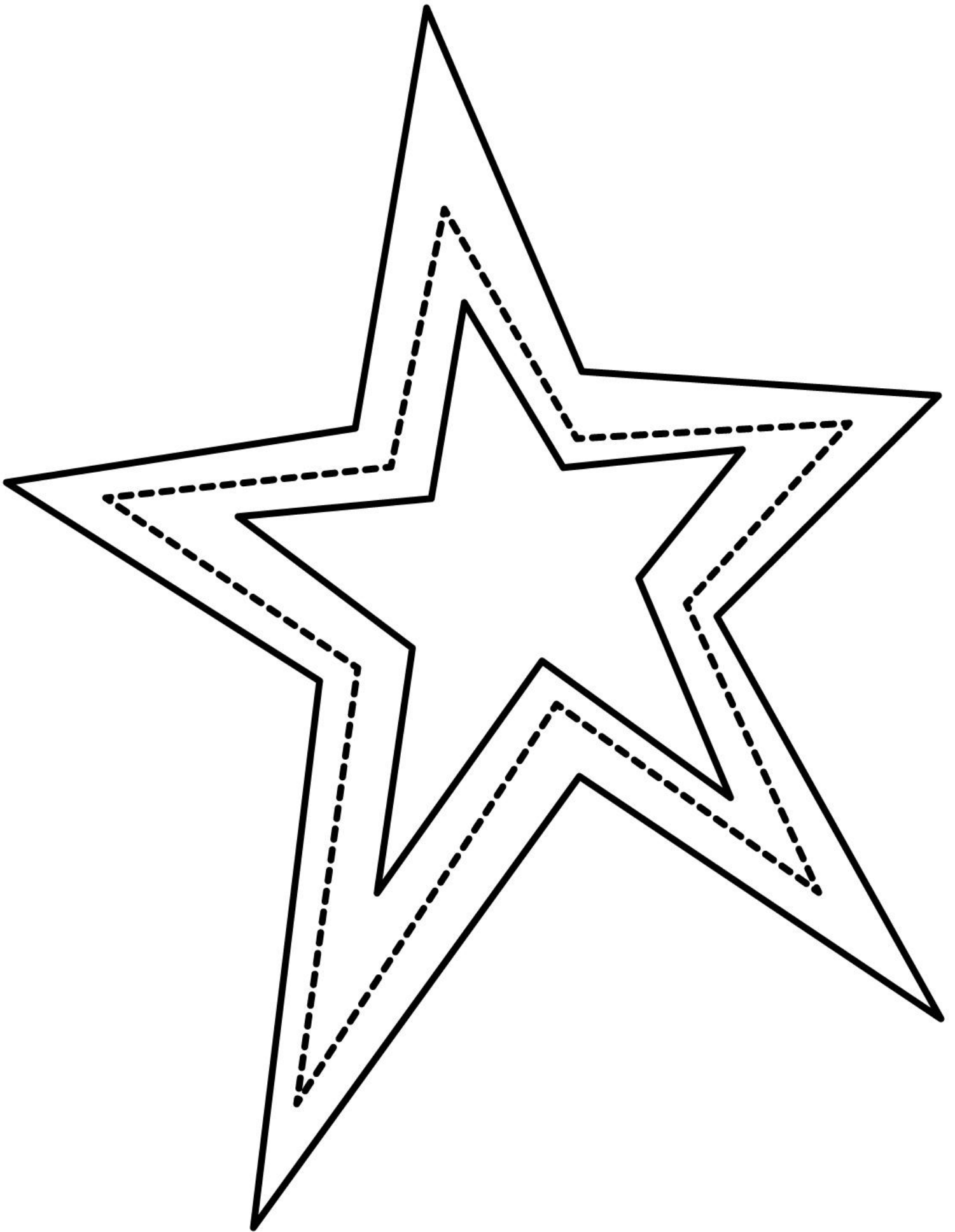
4. Cover the front of the largest cardboard shape with a thick coat of glue stick. Turn the cardboard over and stick it to the back of a sheet of scrapbook paper as shown in the left-hand photo below. Cut the scrapbook paper along the edge of the cardboard as shown in the center photo below.
5. Repeat step 4 for the other two shapes.
6. Distress the stars or maple leaves by crudely applying brown paint along the edges as shown below. You can apply the paint with a paper towel or paintbrush. Imagine what the edges of a rusted sign might look like when applying your paint. Wipe off any excess paint.

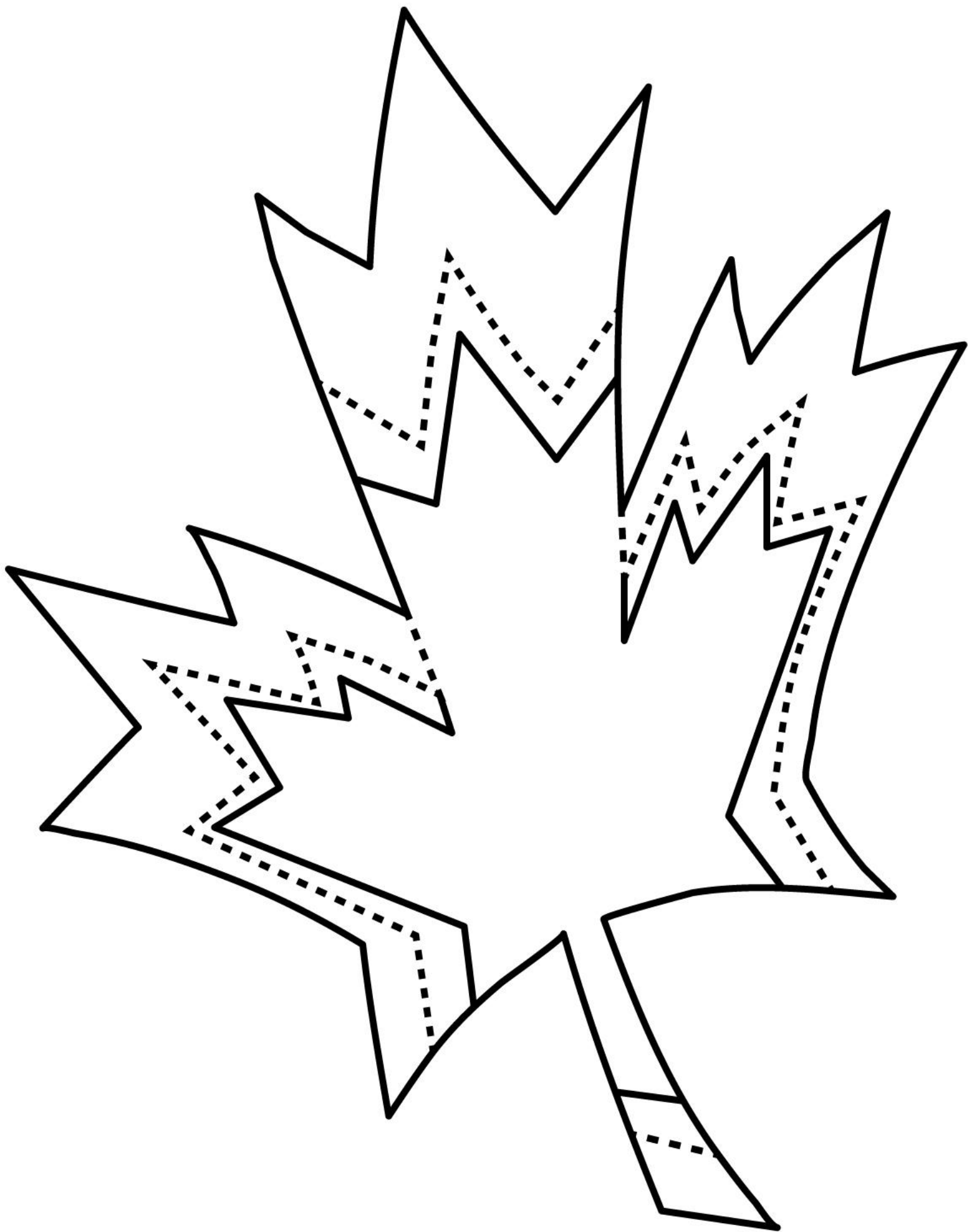


7. Use a skewer to poke two holes into the largest shape as shown in the left-hand photo on the following page.



8. Fold a 36" piece of wire in half and loosely twist together to make an 18" piece of wire. Then coil the wire.
 9. Thread the ends of the wire through the holes and twist as shown in the center photo above.
 10. Tie a raffia bow around the top of the wire.
 11. Attach the rest of the shapes using double-sided tape as shown above.
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