



Jacqui Loves... Autumn Colours

"From vibrant ambers to vivid reds, autumn is a blaze of colour that never fails to get me inspired"

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Experiment with watercolour paints and a collection of autumn leaves to create striking artwork. There's no need to stick to traditional autumnal hues such as reds and yellows – try out a rainbow of colours and see what works!



Pumpkins immediately make me think of autumn. Why not get the kids involved with pumpkin carving and then use the fruit to whip up a homely pumpkin pie?



Crisp, delicious apples are the perfect seasonal snack but they can also make for novel candle holders



I love the colours of the leaves at this time of year, and I always try to use similar shades in my crafts



Conkers make great decorations – try spray painting them in silver or gold to add some sparkle around your home or arranging them around a candle for a table centrepiece



Redcurrants are in season from the end of summer until autumn and these glossy red gems look beautiful incorporated in crafts. For a lovely gift, use a branch of redcurrants to decorate a jar of homemade jam

Autumnal Ambers

Bring seasonal colours into your crafts with this jewellery make from Bead Spider

- 1 Cut one piece of tiger tail wire about 7cm (3in) long and two pieces approximately 30cm (12in) long. Cut the slinky cord in half.
- 2 Bend the 7cm piece in half to form a V-shaped needle. Fold one piece of slinky cord in half and place the V-shaped wire in the centre. Thread the silver cone onto the cord starting with the smaller hole, using pliers if necessary to pull it through. Repeat with the other cord and cone.
- 3 Thread one length of 30cm tiger tail with five seed beads, then add beads alternating between a 6mm round copal amber bead and an 8mm round crystal bead, making sure to place a seed bead between each. Finish with a 6mm bead and five seed beads.
- 4 Thread the other length of tiger tail with one seed bead then alternate between 6mm round copal amber beads and 8mm oval copal amber beads, placing a seed bead between each. End with a 6mm bead and one seed bead.
- 5 Take both wires together and thread one 8mm oval head and one crimp bead at one end. Bring the two wires around the loop of slinky cord coming out of a silver cone. Go back through the crimp and oval bead.
- 6 Pull the wires so they sit firmly up against the cord and oval bead then squash the crimp using chain-nose pliers to secure the wires to the cord. Slide the cord up so the oval bead sits snugly inside the cone.
- 7 Repeat steps 5 and 6 on the other side of the necklace, ensuring there are no gaps in the wires.
- 8 Trim the cords according to your preferred size. Hold the two cord ends of one side of the necklace together and place a little glue over the ends. This neatens the ends and keeps them together. Insert the ends into the tube section of the clasp and then, using chain-nose pliers, gently squeeze the tube so the sides close over the cords. Repeat on the other side of the necklace.



Bead Spider Copal Amber Necklace Kit (349662), Price: £12.99, Club Member Price: £11.69



Seasonal Cupcakes

Tasty cupcakes are always a welcome treat and topping them with autumn-inspired edible leaves is a must at this time of year. Fondant icing is easy to work with, and there are a host of food dies you can experiment with to create the perfect colour for your decorations. Try a mix of reds and yellows for autumnal cupcakes that are almost too good to eat!

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Celebrate the season with cute leaf-embellished cupcakes

