

## Enchanting Autumn Lights



In autumn, nature shows itself from its most colourful side, in an array of exquisite colours. The greens of the leaves on the trees and shrubs gradually change into magnificent yellows, bright oranges and blazing reds.

The play of late summer sunlight between the leaves is especially pretty. With these colourful lanterns made out of translucent FIMO from STAEDTLER, you can capture this magical mood and bring it into your home.

Material



You can find our products in well-stocked sales outlets. Should you have any queries, please call our hotline: +49 (0)911 9365-888

Have fun crafting!

### FIMO Shopping / material list



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Space for your notes

### You will need these STAEDTLER articles:

Product	Colour	Art. no.	Quantity	✓
FIMO soft	chocolate	8020-75	1	
FIMO effect	translucent red	8020-204	1	
	translucent green	8020-504	1	
	translucent yellow	8020-104	2	
FIMO clay machine	--	8713		

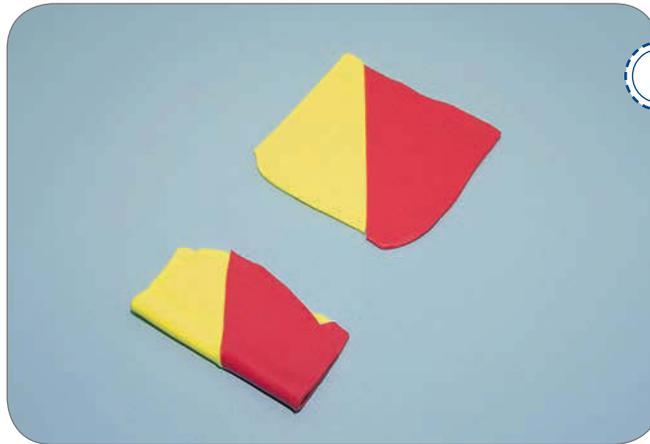
A couple of nice-shaped glasses, wide enough to hold a tea-light, several tea-lights, paper, pencil, a pair of scissors, a sharp knife or blade, a terry cloth hand towel

## Instructions for autumn lanterns



1 Knead half a block of yellow and half a block of red translucent FIMO until soft. Blend the red FIMO with a quarter of a strip of chocolate in order to make the colour a little darker. To do so, shape each of the colours into a sausage, twist them together and then roll out to make one long sausage. Then bend this sausage in the middle, twist it and roll it out lengthwise again. Repeat this procedure until the piece of FIMO is uniform in colour.

Now, using the clay machine, make two equal-sized sheets out of the yellow and darkened red FIMO.



2 Next, cut these two unicoloured sheets diagonally across and put the pieces together again to create a two-coloured rectangle. Fold this rectangular sheet so that the colours at the edge are the same (yellow on yellow, red on red). Make sure you keep a border of unicoloured FIMO at each end.

Run it through the clay machine, fold first.

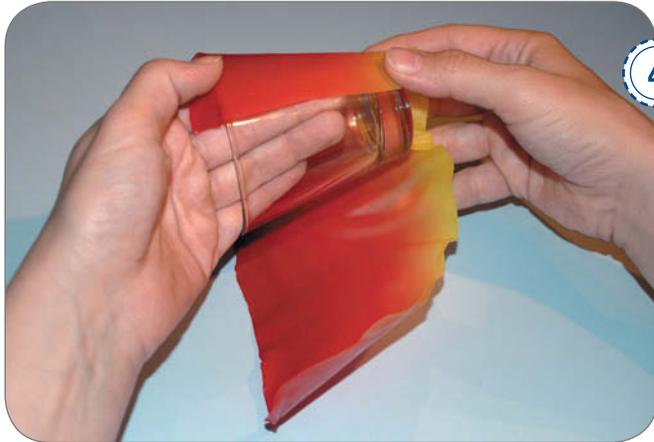


3 Fold the sheet of FIMO again in the same direction and run it through the clay machine. Always ensure that the unicoloured edges are placed on top of each other on the right and left. Repeat this folding and rolling out until you have achieved an even gradient of colours from yellow to red.

**Tip:**

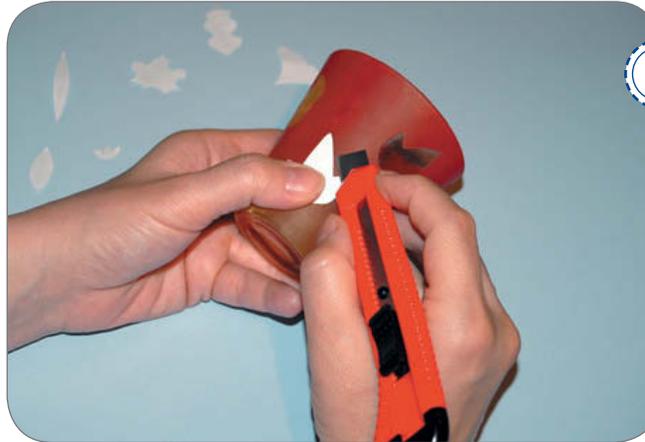
Unfinished items and any left-over bits of material should be stored in sealed plastic bags or in an airtight container, e.g. a plastic box or jar.

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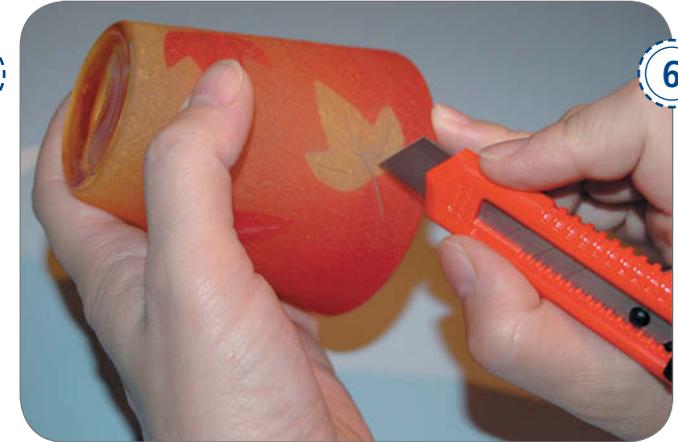
Now, using the clay machine, roll the finished sheet out as thinly as possible and wrap it around the glass. Make sure that you match the colours as well as you can at the join. Using the knife, cut through both layers at the join and remove any surplus. Using your finger, press both edges together carefully and smooth over the join.

At this stage, it is important that you ensure there aren't any creases in the FIMO and that you haven't got more than one layer of FIMO anywhere on the glass – otherwise the light wouldn't be able to shine through the lantern as effectively in these areas later on.



Next, looking to nature for inspiration, make a number of leaf-shaped templates using the paper and pencil. Place the paper templates on the FIMO and cut along the outlines using the knife.

The pieces you cut out are then pressed back on the glass, preferably somewhere where they provide a strong contrast in colour. Press on and smooth over the edges using your fingers.



The surface structure is created by pressing a hand towel onto the FIMO. Next, add veins to the leaves using the knife.

These liven up the design of the lantern and don't have to be too exact. The fine lines really stand out later on when the candle is burning.

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Finally, place your finished lanterns in the oven for 30 minutes at 110 °C to harden.



**Tip:**

For the green and yellow lanterns, simply use green translucent FIMO instead of red and repeat the procedure as above.