

AUTUMN LEAF DRESS

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How to Make the Fall Lady

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 wire dress form
- 4 artificial leaf bunches for the top bodice form (get these and other materials from any craft store)
- 2 small bunches of artificial mums
- 2 larger bunches of artificial mums
- 20 artificial leaf bunches for the bottom portion of the dress
- One flexible floral wire, 6 inches or so
- 1 wire ribbon

In the opening between the top and the bottom of the form, use the flex wire to make a sort of shelf with holes in it so that the fake flowers don't fall through when you add the top flowers.

Once your shelf is made, start at the bottom, bending your flexible leaves at the top portion of the leaves. The bend portion that has no leaves on it fits nicely as the stem goes down into the form. Go all the way around with the same method, bending and placing all the stems going down into the dress. No one will see these, as the leaves will hide everything.

Then, starting with the top, add four more branches to the top portion of the dress, laying them sideways and fitting them to the front of the dress, two on each side.

Add the small mum to the front of the top bodice, and add the bigger ones in the back of the smaller ones.

Add two bendable pieces to the top neckline of the dress, intertwining them to the wire, one in front and one in back. (This one had orange beads and small orange pumpkins.) Use a green ribbon to match the leaves.

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