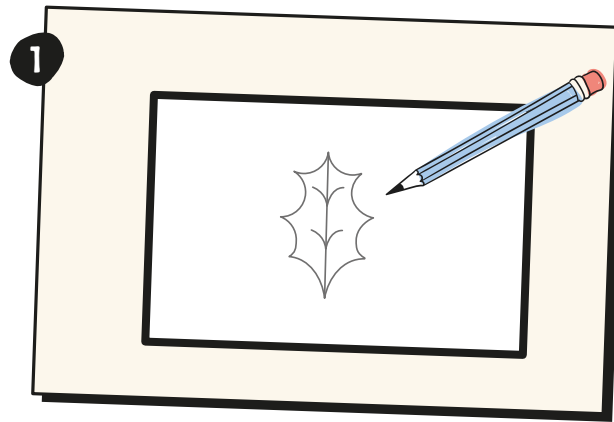


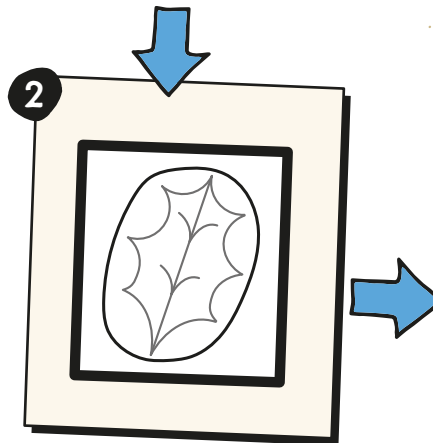
Christmas Wreath Picture Frame (1/2)

You will need...

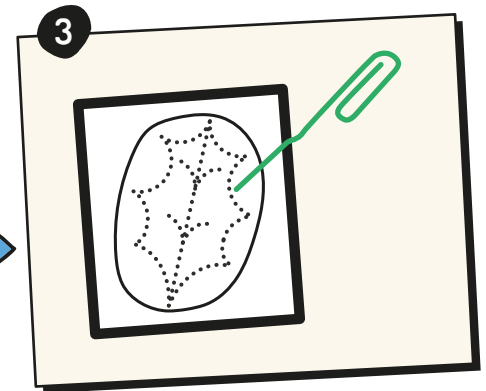
- A large potato (Get an adult to cut your potato in half lengthwise so you have a flat oval shape for your printing block)
- Holly leaf template (print ours or draw your own)
- Festive message, picture or photo to go in the frame
- Thick paper
- Paintbrush
- Green acrylic or poster paint (a dark green and a lighter green work well together for a more natural look)
- Red acrylic or poster paint
- Cotton bud
- Two medium paperclips
- Small scissors
- Paper plate (20-25cm diameter)
- Glue
- Darning needle
- Piece of ribbon around 30cm long



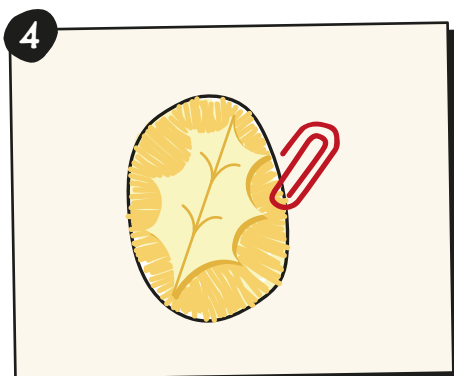
Print out the holly leaf template (or draw your own).



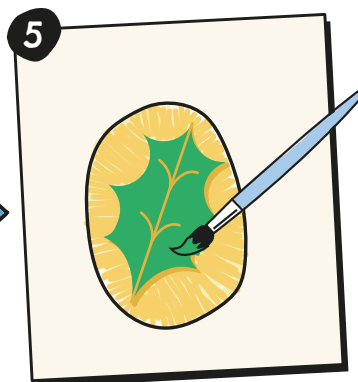
Roughly cut around the leaf template and centre it onto the flat side of a potato slice.



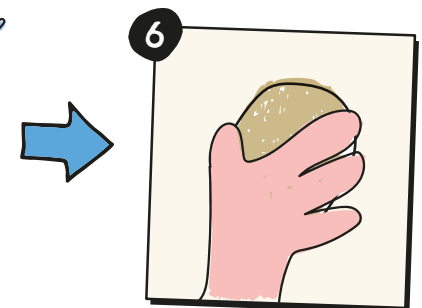
Unfold the end of a paperclip to make a pointy tool and trace your design by poking holes through the paper into the potato slices. Remove the paper once finished.



Using the other unbent paperclip, scoop out the parts of the potato that you **don't want to be visible** when printing. Pat the potato dry with a paper towel once finished.



Use a wet paintbrush to spread the paint evenly on the potato design.

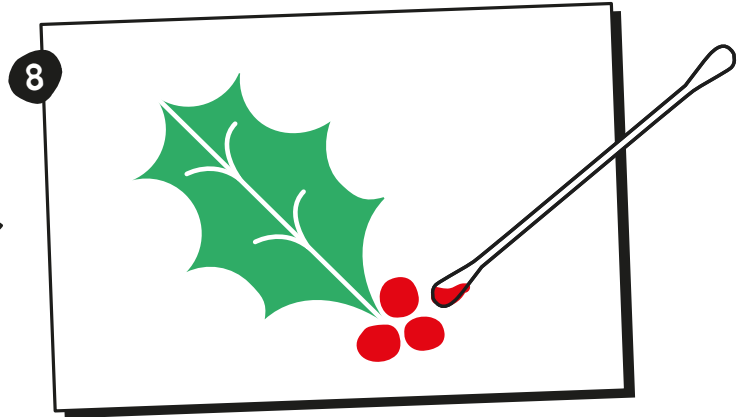


Press and hold your design against a piece of paper, hold for about 3 seconds.

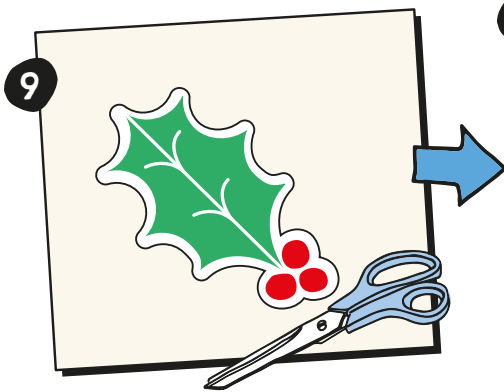
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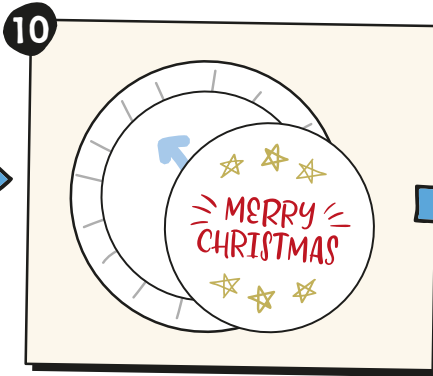
Carefully lift from the paper and check out your print. Repeat this until you have 36 leaves in total (this should take 4 x A4 sheets of paper).



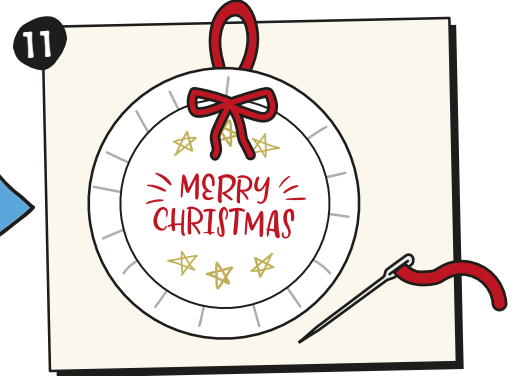
When the green paint is dry use a cotton bud to dab two or three dots of red paint like holly berries near the end of **half** of the leaves.



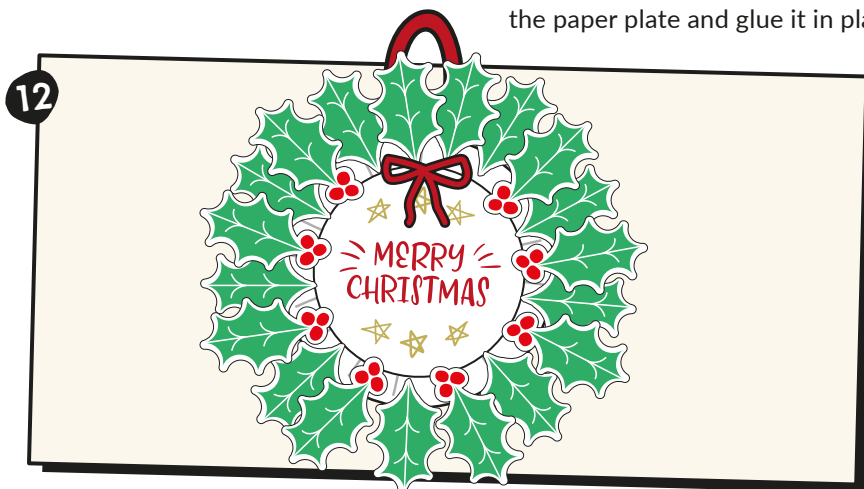
Once the leaves are completely dry cut carefully around each one.



Cut the picture you're using into a circle shape to fit flat in the centre of the paper plate and glue it in place.



Using a darning needle make two holes 2cm apart at the top of the plate just above the edge of the picture. Thread the ribbon up through one hole and down through the other. Leave a loop around 5cm long for hanging and tie it in a bow that hangs down at the top of your picture.



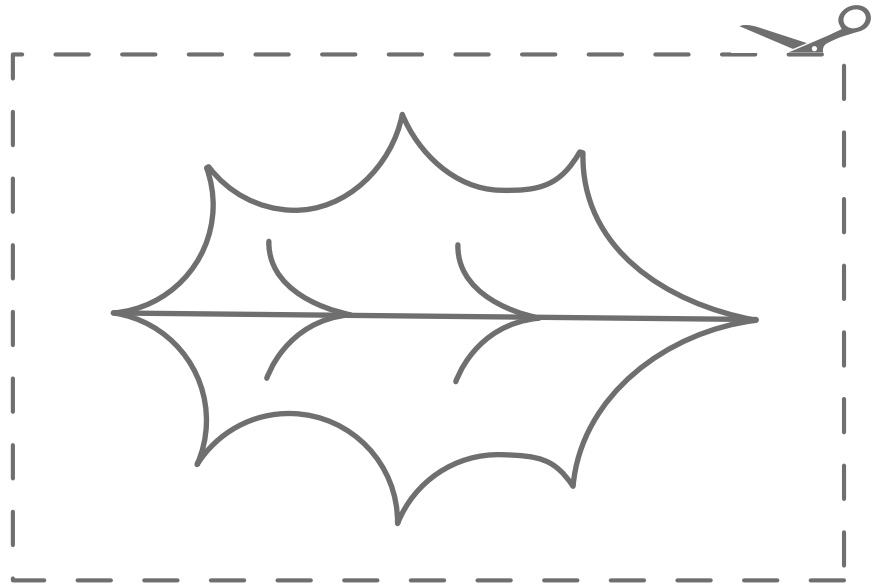
Carefully glue the leaves with no berries all around the outside edge of the plate, evenly spaced. Then glue the leaves with berries all around on the raised ring of the plate, overlapping with the outside ring of leaves.

Don't forget to take a snap of your activities and share them with us!

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Christmas Wreath Templates



Holly leaf template



Design for the centre
of the plate