

LESSON FOUR

CARDSTOCK MAIDENHAIR FERN



TOOLS & MATERIALS

TOOLS

- CUTTING MACHINE *(optional)*
- CRAFT SCISSORS
- DETAIL SCISSORS
- WIRE CUTTERS
- CURLING TOOL
- BRAYER

MATERIALS

- NATURE GREEN PACK – *Sour Apple*
- BIND WIRE – BROWN
- THICK STEM WIRE
- BARELY ART GLUE
- EXTRA-FINE CREPE PAPER – *Espresso*
OR FLORAL TAPE – *bark*
- TOMBOW MARKERS – 126, 977, 131

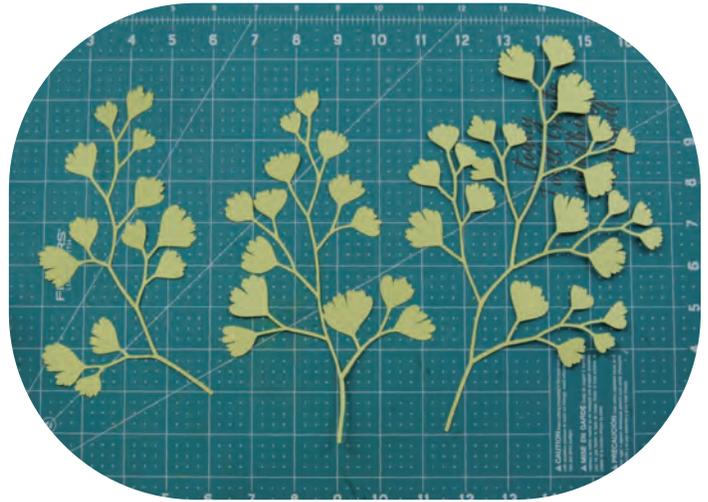
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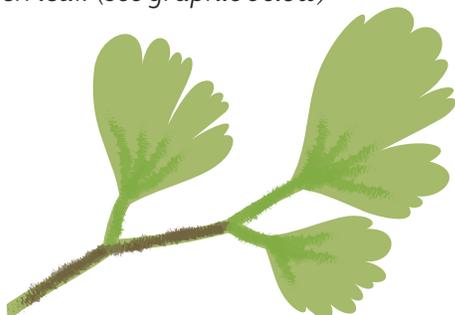
- 1 Cut out the maidenhair fern leaves from the Sour Apple Cardstock using the provided PDF template and scissors or the SVG file and a cutting machine. You should cut at least 4 of each leaf shape for a total of 12 leaves. You can always cut more to make a fuller plant!



- 2 Using the Brown (977) marker color the center stem on both sides of each stem of leaves. Do not color the stem below each leaf. (see graphic below)

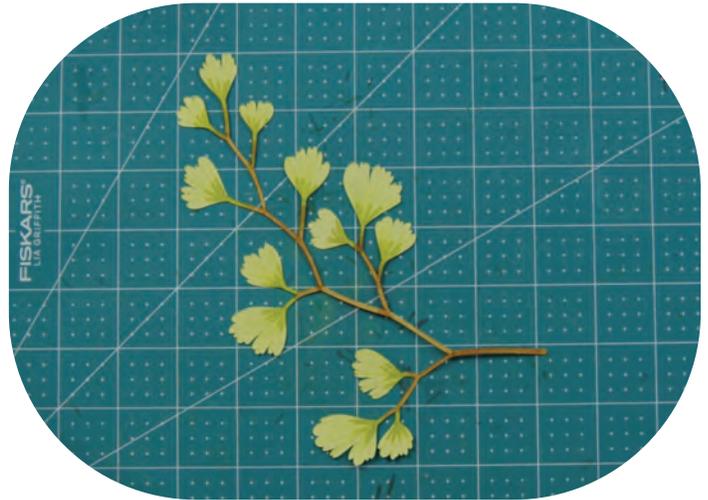
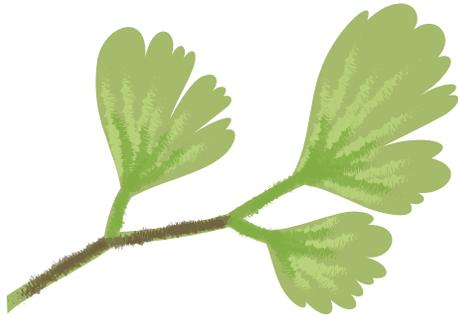


- 3 Using the Darker Green (126) marker color the stem of each leaf, then add a few strokes fanned out at the base of each leaf. (see graphic below)



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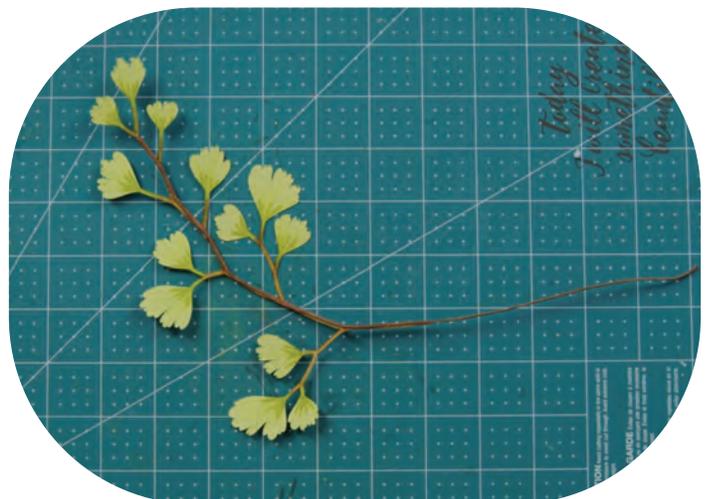
- ④ Using the Lighter Green (131) marker color a few strokes fanned over the darker green and extending to the top of each leaf. (see graphic below)



- ⑤ Cut a 12" piece of bind wire. Then apply a thin line of glue down the center stem.



- ⑥ Lay the bind wire flat over the center stem where you have applied glue. The wire will extend beyond the end of the stem. Press over the wire with your fingers to make sure it is secured in place.



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- 7 Once the glue on the wire has dried you can shape your leaves. Use a curling tool to gently curl the tip of each leaf down. Repeat steps 2-7 for each stem of leaves.



- 8 Use the Stem Wrap Guide in the PDF Template to cut a strip of Espresso extra-fine crepe paper or grab your brown floral tape. Then cut a thick stem wire in half using wire cutters. We will use the half with the tapered end.



- 9 Take one leaf stem, place the end of the stem at the larger end of the thick stem wire, the two should overlap. Using the espresso crepe paper strip begin to wrap the two together. Use a bit of white glue as you wrap to hold it in place.



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- ⑩ Add a second leaf stem, position so it is facing the first stem with the wired side facing out on both. Continue wrapping with the crepe paper strip and white glue.



- ⑪ Continue adding more stems, all stems should face inward so that when placed upright they fall out with the wired sides facing down. While wrapping be sure you are wrapping in the same place and not moving down.



- ⑫ Once you have added all of your stems you can cut the bind wire even with the thick stem wire using wire cutters.



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- 13 Continue wrapping the crepe paper all the way down the bind wire to fully cover it. When you get to the end use a bit of white glue to secure it in place.



- 14 To finish you can place your plant in the pot you prepared for it in Lesson 3. Once the plant is potted go ahead and rearrange the leaves to fluff up the plant a bit and fit your space!

