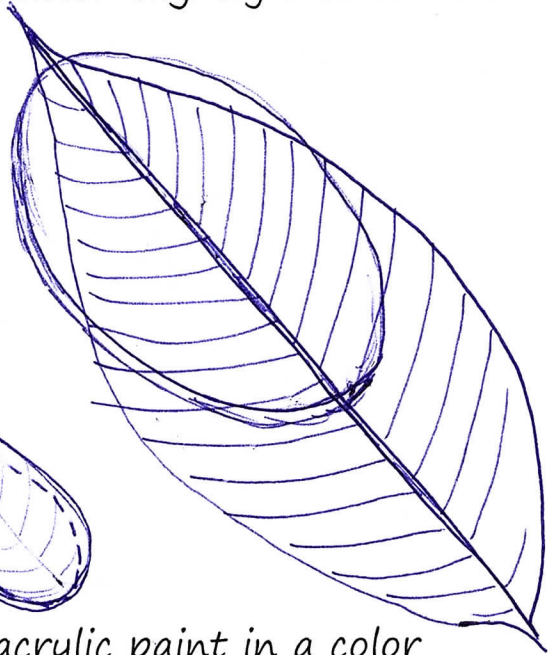
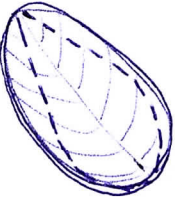




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# Step-by-Step Clay Leaves

1. Warm up the clay in your hands and roll it into a nice little ball.
2. Place the clay onto the plastic mat and flatten slightly into an oval.
3. Lay your leaf skeleton over the clay. Using the rolling pin, press the leaf into the clay, then remove the leaf. 
4. Use the palette knife to cut a leaf shape. Remove and save the scrap clay. 
5. Using a soft brush, paint your leaf with acrylic paint in a color which contrasts and will highlight the veins of your clay leaf. Wipe the paint away using a moist cotton pad, the veins will be quite noticeable. (Clean your paint brush.)
6. Add realistic detail to your leaf by using a dry brush to dust pastel chalk onto the leaf giving it variety and interest.
7. Gently give your leaf a bit of shape with a slight squeeze and place it onto the labeled parchment to be baked.

REPEAT the process and make a leaf for someone special!