

# Fold and Cut Palm Branch

## You will need...

- green paper (or you can colour some plain paper)
- something to draw with
- tape (I used clear scotch tape)
- a pair of scissors
- something sturdy for the step (I used a pencil)

## Step 1: Fold



Fold a piece of paper down the middle the long way or "hotdog way" by lining up the corners of the shorter edges and creasing with your fingers.

## Step 2: Guide Line



Draw a curved line between the two corners of the **folded edge**. This line will be a guide to cut along and will decide the over-all shape of your leaf.

## Step 3: Cut



Cut along the line you just drew to make a half-leaf shape. Set aside the scraps from along the open edge to recycle or use for another project.

## Step 4: Cut Some More



Cut slits all along the **open edge** of your half-leaf shape. Make sure you aren't cutting all the way through!

## Step 5: Tape



Open up your paper to reveal the whole leaf shape you've made. Attach the stem to the bottom half of the leaf using tape.

## Tada!



You did it!

## Variations



You can get creative and make palm leaves of different shapes and sizes! Try changing the shape of your guide line for a wider or narrower leaf. Try cutting little triangles out of the open edge instead of slits for bigger gaps along the outside of the leaf. Try cutting your paper into quarters and using a shorter stem. Try whatever ideas you can think of!