ROLL A COASTER
To make these leaf imprinted coasters, just take a scavenging stroll outside: leaves and pine needles make lovely lasting impressions.

MATERIALS
Cardboard    Waxed Paper    Pottery Clay
Rolling pin  Butter knife   Acrylic Varnish
Sponge       White Paint    Paintbrush

1. Begin by cutting a 4-inch square cardboard template.
2. Cover your work area with a piece of waxed paper and use a rolling pin to flatten a 2 1/2-inch ball of self-hardening pottery clay to a 1/4-inch thickness for each coaster.
3. Arrange a pattern of leaves or pine needles atop the clay and gently press them into the clay with the rolling pin, leaving distinct but fairly shallow impressions.
4. Remove the foliage and position the template on top of the clay.
5. Use a butter knife to cut around the cardboard, then lift away the excess clay.
6. Set the coasters aside to dry on a clean piece of waxed paper (this takes a day or so).
7. Cover the dry coasters with a thin layer of matte acrylic varnish.
8. Let it dry for 45 minutes, then accent your designs using a damp sponge and white paint.
9. Let the paint dry thoroughly before adding a last coat of varnish.