

# Christmas baubles with textured paste and gold leaf

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Difficulty: Beginner 🍴🍴🍴🍴

Working time: 2 Hours

Crafting is not only a creative break from everyday life, but also a wonderful way to create personalised decorations. In this tutorial, I'll show you how to create **festive tree baubles using leaf metal and structure paste**. These sparkling baubles will make your tree an absolute highlight! Let's make your crafting skills shine together!



## Make your own shiny tree baubles: Step-by-step instructions for enchanting decorations

### Step 1: Preparing the papier mâché balls

Firstly, prepare the papier mâché baubles that will form the base of your sparkling tree baubles. Use masking tape to carefully tape the balls where the gold is to be placed.

### Step 2: Applying the gold leaf priming milk

Now the gold leaf priming milk comes into play. Use a brush to apply the liquid gold leaf priming milk evenly

to the taped balls. Allow the gold leaf priming milk to dry until transparent. This step is important so that the leaf metal adheres well later.

### Step 3: Apply the leaf metal

Once the gold leaf priming milk has dried, you can apply the leaf metal to the prepared baubles. Use a soft, dry brush to carefully press on the leaf metal. Make sure you work carefully as the leaf metal is very thin and delicate. Remove any excess with a dry brush.

### Step 4: Polishing the spheres

Allow the spheres to harden completely. You can then polish them as desired with a soft polishing cloth or cotton wool. This step gives the baubles a particularly shiny and elegant look.

### Step 5: Applying the top coat

Now comes the protective varnish. Coat the baubles with a special coating varnish to protect the leaf metal from external influences. Allow the varnish to dry well again before continuing with the next step.

### Step 6: Design with structure paste and concrete colour

Now remove the crêpe paper. For an unusual surface structure, apply structure paste to the balls. Use a spatula or bristle brushes, depending on which effect you prefer. You can then colour the desired spheres with Beton Color. Time to dry: allow the balls to dry well again before working on them further.

## Must Have



### VBS Papier mâché ball, 6 stuks

● 4,69 €

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## VBS Acrylic Structure Paste "Lightweight structure", 100 ml

● **3,89 €** (1 l = 38,90 €)

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842051-10	VBS Acrylic Structure Paste "Lightweight structure"100 ml	1
570183-01	VBS Leaf metal, 40 sheetsGold coloured	1
570022	KREUL Gold leaf priming milk, 50 ml	1
570220	KREUL Brushes set of 2 "Gilding"	1
570046	KREUL Coating varnish for leaf metal, 50 ml	1
755696-02	VBS Concrete Color, 250mlDark grey	1
70522	Crepe-Adhesive tape, 50 m	1
131056	VBS Plastic spatula, 5 parts	1
550505-20	VBS Bristle brushes "Nature"Size 20	1