Clay acorn place-card holders for Thanksgiving

An acorn shaping guide and printable name cards. Use the free printable with the steps below; compare the optional supply only if you need it.

1. Shape a stable acorn

Roll a small ball of air-dry clay into an oval, flatten its base and add a shallow cap texture. Follow the clay maker's thickness and handling directions; the printable gives shape references rather than a guaranteed finished size.

2. Make the card support

Form a small wire spiral with a short stem using suitable tools, keeping cut ends enclosed. Test its position in the clay while workable, with the card held low enough to avoid tipping.

3. Dry and test

Let the clay dry fully as its label directs before painting or sealing. Check stability with one blank name card on a flat surface; keep decorative clay and wire away from food, children and pets.

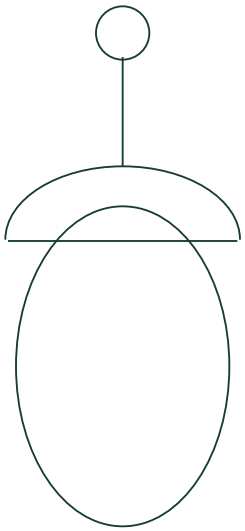
Follow material and tool instructions. Decorative clay, paper and wire are not food-safe or flame-safe by default; supervise tools and keep small parts away from children and pets.

Materials: Air-dry clay, protected craft mat, craft wire, suitable pliers and wire cutters (adult handling), printed cards, paper scissors and a pen. Optional clay-compatible paint or finish.

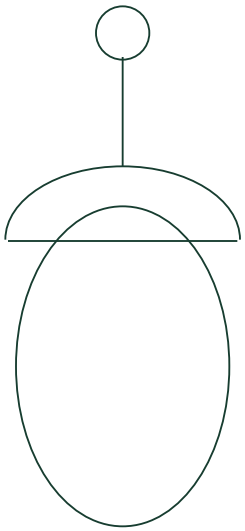
Your printable workspace

1 inch

Print at actual size and verify the one-inch square. Cut the two rectangular name cards; the acorn and wire shapes are references, not cut or fold templates. Keep paper away from food, heat and flames.



Wire spiral reference



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Shape references only; test stability with your actual wire and card.