Dark-cherry nails with one metallic leaf accent

Paint a dark-cherry base on practice tips first, then plan one small metallic leaf on the same accent nail of each hand. The practice sheet has ten nail outlines with the leaf drawn on the ring finger only, blank outlines for trying leaf shapes, and a step-order checklist.

What you need

- Dark-cherry ordinary nail lacquer; check the selected shade and bottle size
- Base coat and top coat
- Metallic foil leaf, metallic polish or a nail-art striper for the accent
- Fine detail brush or dotting tool, a separate practice tip, and the paper practice sheet

Steps

1. Practise the base on tips
Read the lacquer label and use compatible base and top products as directed. Apply the dark base to a separate practice tip first; the illustration is a concept rather than a verified color swatch.

2. Place one leaf on each hand
On the sheet the leaf sits on the ring finger of each hand and nowhere else. Use the blank outlines to try the leaf's size and angle, then try that shape on the separate practice tip before applying it to natural nails.

3. Add the accent once the colour is dry
Let the ordinary lacquer dry as its label directs, then add the leaf using a separate compatible metallic product, following its own directions, and seal with top coat. Do not substitute an incompatible gel or lamp-cured routine.

4. Work with air and away from flame
Use nail products with good ventilation, keep them away from flames and heat, and keep them out of the eyes. The FDA notes that some nail products can catch fire near a heat source and can cause allergic reactions; stop if irritation occurs.

Tips

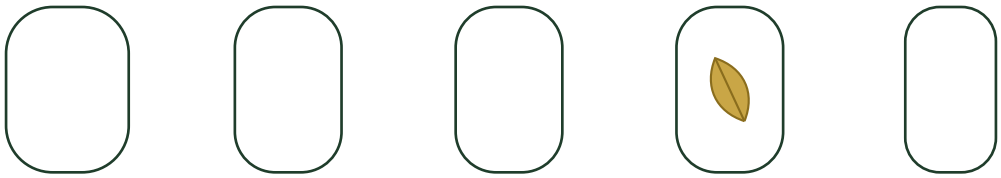
- Keep the leaf small and on the same finger of both hands so the accent reads as planned.
- The optional polish link is an affiliate link; check the selected option, included items and current return terms. Base coat, top coat and metallic supplies are separate.
- The practice sheet is free. The optional Amazon link is an affiliate link.

Full guide: https://figurenook.com/guides/dark-cherry-nails-with-one-metallic-leaf-accent/

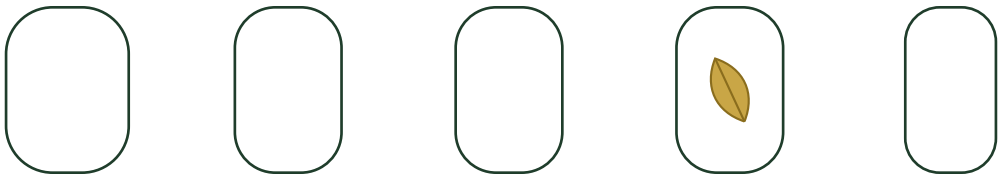
Your worksheet

Placement map: leaf on the ring finger only

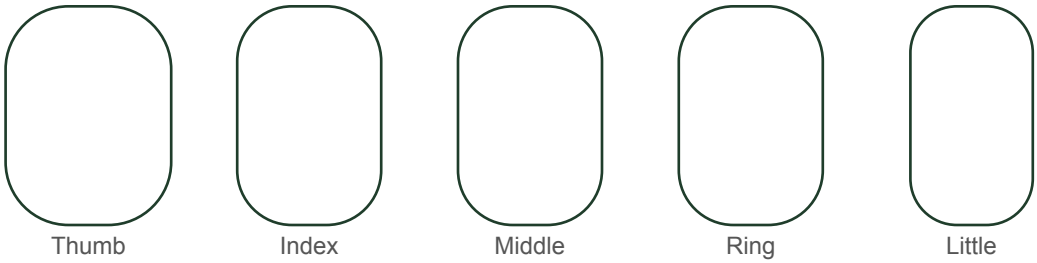
Left hand



Right hand



Try the leaf shape here



Step order

- ☐ Base coat
- ☐ Color coats as lacquer label directs
- ☐ Free edge coated if product directs
- ☐ Dry as the label directs
- ☐ Leaf accent on both ring fingers
- ☐ Top coat

Lacquer shade and size _____

Metallic accent product _____

Drying and removal directions read _____

About this sheet

Original AI editorial illustration depicting a design concept; review manufacturer specifications and product details for final suitability. Accessories, exact colour, fit and performance are not established by the image.

The guide and this sheet are free; no account, email address or purchase is needed. Product links on the guide are optional Amazon affiliate links.

Sources

• U.S. FDA, Nail Care Products, saved 9 November 2026: https://www.fda.gov/cosmetics/cosmetic-products/nail-care-products