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Sparkling Centerpieces

Add some glamour to your holiday table with glittering pears.

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I LOVE FINDING CREATIVE AND inexpensive ways to decorate my Thanksgiving table. I like using fresh fruit, but it's expensive and doesn't last very long. This glittered pear centerpiece is easy to make, lasts forever and will make quite an impression at your dinner table. You can find artificial pears (or any other faux fruit) at your local craft store. For the bling, I like to use a good quality glitter—the more sparkly, the better.

What you'll need:

White craft glue
Foam craft brush
Artificial pears
Gold glitter
Glue gun and glue sticks
Velvet millinery leaves
Pretty bowl or serving dish

Instructions:

1. Place a small amount of white craft glue in a bowl and add a bit of warm water to it to thin it out a bit.
2. Using a foam craft brush, paint a thin layer of glue all over the pear being careful not to miss any spots.
3. Sprinkle a generous amount of glitter all over the pear to coat it completely. Gently shake off any excess glitter.
4. Allow the pears to dry completely.
5. Use a dab of hot glue to attach a velvet millinery leaf to the stem of each pear.
6. Arrange the pears in a bowl or shallow dish of your choice.

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