

The Three-Month Fall Door Plan

A damage-free seasonal tree that swaps easily through Thanksgiving.

Transform your classroom entrance with a sturdy paper tree that goes up once and evolves all season. Scale the supplies to your student count and follow the simple monthly swap schedule.

● Key Measurements & Materials

Max 12 in

Anchor spacing for tape and glue

At least 4 in

Overlap for twisted paper-bag bark

Lowest 6 in

Reinforced zone for trunk base

3 pumps

Water mist for coffee-filter leaves

~4 in

Width for October pumpkin cutouts

Damage-Free Anchoring

Apply hot glue onto blue painter's tape, never directly to the metal door. Space anchors tightly to support the paper weight securely until December.



● The 3-Month Swap Schedule

- 1 **September: Tie-Dye Leaves** Color and mist filters; allow 24 hours to dry. Attach using hook-and-loop dots.
- 2 **October: Paper Pumpkins** Peel off leaves. Swap to orange pumpkins on existing dots in under 15 minutes.
- 3 **November: Thankful Notes** Swap pumpkins for cardstock. Spend 5 minutes daily adding student gratitude notes.

● Find Your Background Size

Find your row: Door Dimensions

Door Dimensions	Your pick	Why
Standard 36 x 80 in	54 x 108 in tablecloth	Covers completely with neat overhang
Oversized 42 x 84 in	60 x 120 in tablecloth	Fits larger hallway entrances
Narrow 32 x 80 in	54 x 108 in tablecloth	Trim excess past the hinges

● Student Supply Quantities

Students	White coffee filters	Hook-and-loop dots	Orange paper pumpkins	Warm-toned cardstock
20	20 filters	20 pairs	20 cutouts	20 cards
25	25 filters	25 pairs	25 cutouts	25 cards
30	30 filters	30 pairs	30 cutouts	30 cards

Base requires 1 tablecloth, brown bags, tape, and washable markers.

● Frame Prep & Checks

- ☐ Verify exact door opening dimensions before cutting the plastic.
- ☐ Ensure anchoring methods comply with facilities department rules.
- ☐ Wipe metal trim with damp cloth and dry completely.
- ☐ Scrub anchor zones with rubbing alcohol; wait two minutes.
- ☐ Leave exactly two inches of overhang to fold neatly.

● Notes & Name Counts

Enjoy a beautiful, evolving classroom entrance that lasts all the way to Thanksgiving!