

## How to make a Holiday (4<sup>th</sup> of July) Garland

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### Supplies needed:

scissors	paint
hot glue gun & glue	paint brush
deco mesh	flowers
deco mesh coils	yarn
chenille stems	toilet paper roll
string or wired chord	holiday scarfs or material
wood craft balls	holiday signs or embellishments

### Instructions:

#### Prepare your elements:

- I painted the craft balls the night ahead. For this craft, I painted them red, white, and blue. I painted 18 balls of each color.
- If your signs have backing, remove them. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July sign was held together by a burlap ribbon, so I cut the ribbon off.
- Next, I cut the deco mesh to about 6-inch lengths. I also cut the deco mesh coils to about the same lengths. Then I rolled the 3 different colors of mesh up in a roll, added the cut coils on top, then bound these together with my cut chenille stems. You can tie them together with any color chenille stems you choose; I opted to try and hide the chenille stems behind the decorations.
- Next, I attach my mesh coils to the backs of the decorations. I hot glued the chenille stem to the back. If you have hand dexterity problems, or arthritis, these fuzzy chenille stems are much easier to use than the shiny ones.
- Once the deco mesh coils are attached to the decorations, I started by placing one of the holiday decorations in the middle of the chord, next I placed the painted craft balls, being careful to place them according to the colors (red, white and blue) on each side of the decoration.

- Then I cut 10-inch sections of the Holiday scarfs and cut these sections in half, so each section is about 10 inches long, by 5 inches wide. Next, I bundled the scarfs with another chenille stem and attached the bundle to the chord.
- Next, I'm adding more of the craft balls, followed by the rest of the decorations, followed by more craft balls, and then the last of the holiday scarf bundles.
- Now I added some flowers to the garland. I either hot glued the flowers, or just bent the stem around the jute chord.
- To finish the garland, I made 2 simple tassels. To make the tassels I took one piece of yarn and placed it in the toilet paper roll. Next, I wrapped the yarn around the toilet paper roll. Next, I pulled the first piece of yarn up from inside the roll and tied that securely around the yarn. Next, I cut the bottom of the yarn and removed it from the roll. Now just cut a small piece of yarn and tie it about ½ inch to inch below the top of the tassel. Finally, attach the tassels to the garland, and we're all finished.

Thank you for joining me, and I hope you enjoy the craft.