

DIY How to make a Holiday Wreath

Making a Holiday wreath is simple and fun. I choose to make a Patriotic, burlap, holiday wreath. Once you learn how to roll the Deco-Mesh, with the right colors and embellishments, you can make wreaths for any occasion. There are tons of ideas available online, from different holiday themed, sports themed, etc. the options are endless. Here's the list of items you will need:

1. Wreath Form (any size you choose, it's up to you. A smaller form with require less materials.)
2. Deco Mesh (which ever colors you prefer, tons of options available. For my Patriotic Wreath, I used Red, White and blue deco mesh.) I ended up using 1 roll of each.
3. Burlap (the Burlap is optional. If burlap is not to your liking, you may fill in the rest of your wreath with more bundles of the deco mesh, and whatever embellishments you choose.)
4. Chenille stems (whatever colors you prefer)
5. Hot glue gun & Hot glue
6. Scissors & Wire cutters
7. Piece of cardboard
8. Silk flowers (these are optional, but I like incorporating silk flowers in my design, but you may choose to fill in the spaces of your wreath with whatever you may like.)
9. Ribbon (I found slender, ribbon in red and blue; however, I like to add regular sized ribbon to my design. I was not able to find any Patriotic ribbon, so I found pieces of material that matched my theme, and I cut up that material, Dove tailed the ends, and used that as ribbon.)
10. Additional embellishments: lights, holiday or sports themed items etc., are to your liking. I choose an item to fill in the center piece)

Start by cutting the piece of cardboard to about 4-5 inches wide. Wrap the deco mesh around the cardboard several times, then cut. Wrapping the material too many times around the cardboard will be harder to cut. Roll each sheet of deco mesh in your hand one at a time. Hold one strand of rolled deco mesh between your fingers while rolling the next sheet. I choose to roll 3 pieces of red, deco, mesh, with 2 pieces of white in between the red. I then added the 2 pieces of thin ribbon on top, and tied the whole bundle together with a chenille stem. Grab 3 pieces of blue deco mesh and roll these diagonally instead of horizontally. Add the 3 pieces of blue to the back side of the first bundle. Save some room with the chenille stem to attach to the wreath form. Follow similar pattern with the burlap, 3 pieces of burlap, and add one piece of ribbon on top. Tie burlap rolls with chenille stem. Once all your bundles are complete, start adding them to your wreath form. Fill in empty space with flowers or embellishments. Hot glue flowers to wreath form. It's easier to cut the flowers with a pair of wire cutters.