

How-To Make a Nautical Wreath

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Here's a list of materials you're going to need:

- Glue gun, and glue sticks
- Wreath form
- Deco mesh
- Ribbon
- Burlap ribbon
- Nautical themed ribbon
- Scissors/rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Pipe cleaners/chenille stems
- Wire cutters (not mandatory/ but I don't like dulling my scissors)
- Nautical themed decorative elements
- Nautical rope

Instructions:

- Making these wreaths is pretty simple, I used a rotary cutter and a cutting mat to cut my deco mesh. I made each piece about 6 ½ inches long. To save time, I pull the deco mesh across the length of the cutting mat, and then slice down the middle, and then slice again towards the edge of the mat. You don't have to use a rotary cutter or a cutting mat, scissors work fine. I used 3 different colors of deco mesh, that I cut to the same length. I kept my deco mesh in separate bags to make things easier when assembling the roll bundles.
- Next, I trimmed down my chenille stems, or pipe cleaners to 1/3 length. This length is a preference, and if you have mobility issues with your hands, cutting these down to 1/3 size might be too small, so simply try cutting them in half, and use them to tie the bundles together. To make the coils, simply roll one end of the deco mesh towards the other, then hold it in your hand, while rolling the other colors and once you get your coiled deco mesh rolls, bundle them up with a chenille stem. While holding my coiled deco mesh in my hand, I wrap a cut chenille stem around my bundle, to tie it (I pull with my left hand, and twist with my right), and I'm able to tie my bundles up with the chenille stem.
- Once the majority of the bundles are assembled, (I reserved about 15 pieces of each color to attach my decorative ribbon to) I then started cutting the red burlap ribbon and the decorative nautical ribbon and attached them to a bundle. I dovetailed each piece of ribbon, to accent the decorative look. I wrapped the bundles with a slightly larger chenille stem than I used before, (larger bundles require larger chenille stems to tie them).
- I then attached the cream, colored burlap ribbon to the wreath form, alternating from the inner ring, to the outer ring. Once the burlap ribbon was attached, I started attaching the deco mesh bundles. Once the deco mesh bundles were attached, I added in the decorative bundles that had the ribbon. I then added in my center piece to the wreath, and attached it using a couple of the chenille stems and hot glue. I then attached some decorative, mini, sailboats with more hot glue, and added in a couple of pieces of ribbon. I also added some nautical rope to my center piece to round out the nautical theme, but this was optional.