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# Christmas Garden Wreaths



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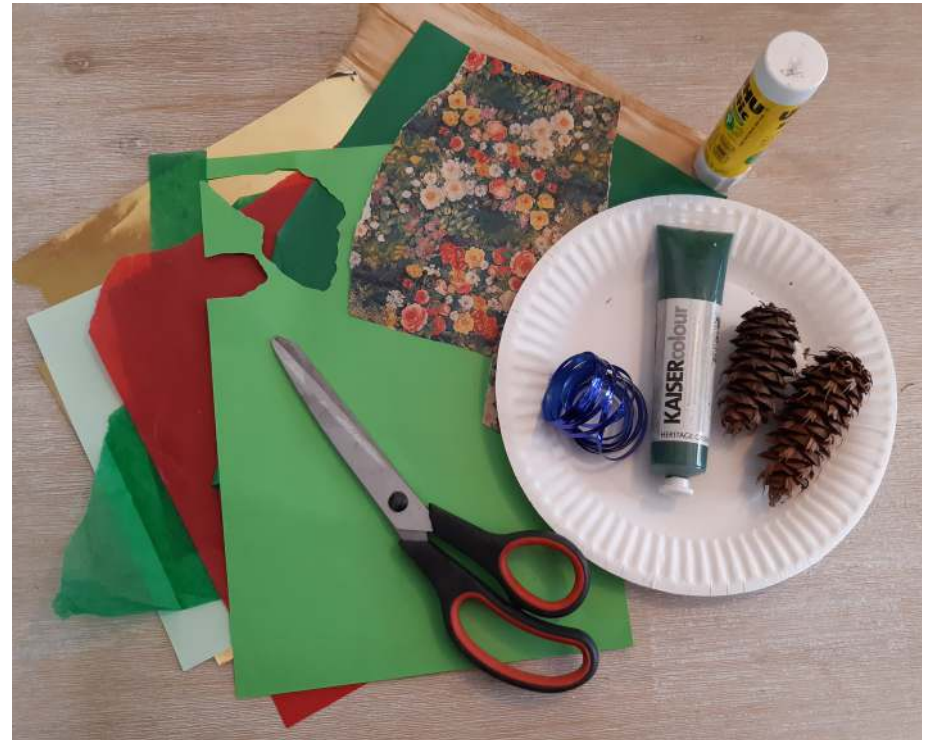
Create a wreath for decorating your home this Christmas either using coloured papers or a wire coat hanger and incorporating flowers and foliage from the garden.



## Option one: Paper Plate Wreath

### *You Will Need:*

- Paper Plate
- Green, Red and White Paint
- Glue
- Yarn, ribbon or string
- Green paper
- Red paper
- Green Tissue paper
- Pom poms or beads (optional)







*Step one:*

Cut out the middle of your paper plate and paint your base colour (green or red.) Let paint dry.





## Step two:

Cut up pieces of green paper in leaf shapes and stick down all around your wreath. And/ or scrunch up green tissue paper and stick down all the way around. For my wreath I started with green leaf shapes, then did some smaller leaves in gold on the inside, then scrunches up green tissue paper over the top on the inner edge of the wreath.





### *Step three:*

Add some ribbon, red cut out leaves/ petals, a bow or anything else you like to finish decorating your wreath. I used some holly, foliage and pine cones I found in the garden and glued them down using a hot glue gun. Glue on a loop of ribbon or string to the back to help hang your wreath. Let glue dry and then hang for Christmas or give as a gift.



## *Option Two: Wire and living plants wreath.*

### *You Will Need:*

- wire coat hanger
- Thin bendable wire
- Wire cutters/ good scissors/ secateurs
- Hot glue gun (optional)
- Yarn, ribbon or string (optional)
- Pom poms or beads (optional)
- Pine tree leaves, flowers and foliage from the garden such as holly etc.







*Step one:*

Bend your wire coat-hanger into shape. Leave the hook, this can help hang it later.





*Step two:*

Gather lots of foliage to use in your wreath such as pine needles, holly, fern leaves etc. Some flowers and red berries can look good too. Think about the colours as you gather your plants.





### *Step three:*

Using your secateurs/ scissors cut off different bits of your collected foliage to make bunches. Start at the top next to the coat hangers hook and using your thin wire wrap around the stems of your foliage tightly a few times to attach it to the coat hanger base. Don't cut the wire.





### *Step four:*

Make another bunch of foliage and add it to the wreath so the leaves sit over the stems of the previously added bunch. Pick up the wire that should still be attached and continue to wrap it tightly around the stems of your next bunch. Repeat this over and over until your wreath is completely covered in bunches of foliage held down to the coat hanger with the wire.

**Tip:** Try to keep your bunches about the same thickness. You can add in some flowers and colour to your bunches as you go or leave it green. It's up to you.





Tying the wire off



My wreath viewed from the back.

When you have added your last bunch of foliage, tie a tight knot in your wire a few times to hold it in place and stop it unravelling.

**Tip:** *If you find you have thin gaps add more foliage into your wreath as needed. If you have pieces sticking out on strange angles, use some wire to tie it into the circular form. Try to hide the wire so it cannot be seen when viewed from the front.*

### *Step five:*

When your wreath is covered in foliage you might like to add some flowers or other decorative elements for colour such as berries, ribbon/ white paint to add a snow effect to leaves etc.





*My completed Christmas wreath.*





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