

How to Make a Christmas Wreath



You will need:

- Wire ring
- Florist's wire/thin wire
- Wire cutters
- Moss
- Ribbon
- Evergreen decorations

A Christmas wreath gives you a warm welcome when you arrive home, and seeing it hanging from the door never fails to make me smile. There are loads of inventive variations of Christmas wreath, but I have a soft spot for evergreen wreaths. I love the berries and pine cones nestled amongst the leafy display. They have a fresh look and fragrance. Plus, they are easy to make with a few inexpensive pieces of kit and some cuttings from the garden or local woodland.

To decorate this wreath, I have used holly leaves, fir branches, ivy leaves and berries, pine cones, cinnamon sticks and dried apple slices. You should be able to buy all these things from a florists, or forage for them locally in your garden or closest public footpath!

Step One



You will need a wire ring to start with, which you can get at a florists or buy online. Tie the end of the florist's wire around the top and put this to one side.

Make sausage shapes of moss with your hands and place over the wire ring, following the curved shape. Cover the entire ring with moss, ensuring that the moss is evenly distributed.

Step Two



Step Three



Take the wire you attached to the top earlier and coil it around the moss and ring, pulling it tight to hold the moss in place. The moss should stay firmly on the ring when you pick it up.

Create bundles of foliage tied together with wire. Make each sprig and wind wire around the ends to hold them together, leaving a few inches of wire spare at the end.

Step Four



Step Five



Lay a sprig flat against the wreath, poking the wire through the moss. Pull the wire through until it is taut. Bend the wire over and push the end back into the ring on the underside to secure.

Take another sprig and lay it diagonally over the stems of the first one making a V-shape. Attach as before. Keep repeating, always covering the wire of the previous sprig.

Step Six



Step Seven



You should now have the stems pointing inwards towards the centre, and the foliage pointing out. Fill any gaps with your pine cones, cinnamon sticks and other decorations.

Make a bow from your ribbon and tie the centre with wire, leaving a long end to attach it. Attach as with the sprigs, pulling it tight. Make a wire loop for hanging and fasten to the ring at the base.

Step Eight



Your wreath is now ready to hang! You can also buy a short length of battery powered Christmas lights to wind around your wreath for an extra festive touch.

