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# Ornament Wreath

## Materials:

Styrofoam flat donut  
wreath base  
Ornaments  
Pretty Ribbon

## Equipment:

Glue gun



## Directions:

First start by attaching a length of ribbon to the Styrofoam donut by tying it around the ring or using glue and pins. This will be where your wreath will hang.

Line the inside and outside edges of the donut with ornaments. You can take the cap and loop piece off the top of the ornament and place them hole side up, so this will be the back of the wreath.



Flip it over when it dries and start piling the rest of the ornaments on, leaving the smaller pieces for last. When you're satisfied and the larger spaces are filled, make a pretty bow with the ribbon and hang on the front door!

the larger puffs. Add silk leaves as desired.

Make a hanging loop with the cord or ribbon and glue to the back of the cardboard ring.



# Snow Puff Wreath

## Materials:

8" cardboard circle (I used a cake round)  
Wide ribbon (satin or sheer)  
6 (approx. 2 3/4" diameter) white powder puffs (I used the loose powder puffs from Sally's)  
6 (approx. 2 1/4" diameter) white powder puffs (I used the compact powder puffs from Sally's)  
Assorted embellishments: beads, buttons, sequins, appliques, etc.  
Approximately 10" coordinating cord or ribbon for hanging loop  
White silk leaves, if desired

## Equipment:

X-acto knife  
Glue gun and glue  
Scissors  
Wire cutters

## Directions:

From center of cardboard circle, draw another circle about 7" in diameter. Cut out the center 7" circle with an X-acto knife leaving about a 1" wide ring. Glue one end of the wide ribbon to the back of the ring (scrunching it up as needed) and wrap around the ring going through the center and around the outside to completely cover all the way around the ring. Cut off and glue the end down where you started.

Decorate the powder puffs as desired using whatever embellishments you have. Try to center the designs as the puffs will overlap slightly when glued together.

Arrange the larger puffs evenly around the ribbon covered ring. Glue in place. Arrange the smaller puffs between the larger ones, overlapping slightly and glue into place onto

# Paper Cone Wreath

## Materials:

5 or 6 double sided scrapbook papers  
Printed pages —e.g. — a book from the dollar store  
Think about the color of the pages before you pick them. Some pages are whiter than others.  
A 12" or so wreath base

## Equipment:

3 inch scalloped paper punch  
Glue gun and glue sticks

## Directions:

Using the punch, cut out lots of circles from the scrapbook paper and the book pages. Roll the circles into cones and glue with hot glue gun. Make the cones of varying diameters and make some with paper on the outside and book pages on the inside for variety. Start gluing cones to the top of the wreath form (sticking straight up towards the ceiling).

Then fill in the sides, working toward the center of the wreath. Then toward the outside. Fill in any bare spots and then make some very tight cones to fill in the small spots and place inside other cones. Add whatever other decoration you would like.





# Rag Wreath

## Materials:

About 2 yards of fabric (you can use all one fabric or you can use 4-5 different fabrics or just scraps)

Wire wreath base

## Equipment:

Scissors

## Directions:

Cut fabric into strips about 5"-6" long and 1" wide. Tie strips onto the wire rings of the wreath form, scooting them up next to each other. Tie onto at least three of the wires or all four if you want to make it really nice and full.



Next, trim the stems from the poinsettias as close to the flower base as you can (you want them to be as flat as possible). Arrange the eight larger poinsettias around the wreath and glue down. Fill in any bare spots with the remaining 10 or so small poinsettias, as needed.

Tuck the snowflake ornaments in the poinsettias and glue.

Finally add the snowballs, randomly spaced, and glue in place. Add whatever hanger works for your door.

**(You can also make a fall wreath using this same technique with silk mums instead of poinsettias and winter items.)**

# Fabric Square Wreath

## Materials:

About 2 yards of fabric (you can use all one fabric or you can use 4-5 different fabrics or just scraps)

Styrofoam wreath base

## Equipment:

Scissors

Crochet hook, knitting needle, chopstick, or small dowel



## Directions:

Cut fabric into 3" squares. Place crochet hook in center and gather fabric up around it. Dip in a little glue and poke into Styrofoam. Try keeping squares right next to each other for full coverage and in a pattern around the form.

# Let It Snow Flat Wreath

## Materials:

Large piece cardboard  
Thumbtack  
Piece of string or yarn  
4 sprays of “ice covered” branches (each will have several smaller branches coming off of it)  
8 large white silk poinsettias  
10 smaller white silk poinsettias  
10 small foam snowball ornaments (about 1” in diameter)  
5 white snowflake ornaments  
Gold spray paint

## Equipment:

Scissors  
Wire cutters  
Hot glue gun and glue  
Thick craft glue  
Pencil

## Directions:

Cut 2 (21” diameter) circles out of the cardboard. (To make the circle, use a piece of string attached to a thumbtack in the center of the cardboard and tied to a pencil at 10 1/2”. Keeping the string taut, draw a circle.) From the center of each of the circles, cut out a 12” diameter circle, leaving a wreath shape 4 1/2” wide. Glue the two wreath shapes together with thick craft glue. Spray paint both sides with gold spray paint and allow to dry.

With wire cutters, cut icy branches apart and arrange around the outside and inside of wreath form, letting them stick out about 3”-4”. Glue to cardboard using hot glue.

Pull off several of the large green leaves (about 10) from the poinsettia branches and arrange around the outside and inside of the wreath form, letting them overhang slightly. Glue with hot glue.

# Making Fabric Flowers for Wreaths

## Rolled Folded Flowers:

Tear a strip of fabric about 1” wide (or you can make them wider if you wish) and fold in half lengthwise (the length will determine how big your flower will be). Put a dab of glue to hold one end together and roll up tightly for several rounds to make a tight center with the folded edge up. Now start twisting/folding the strip away from the center as you continue to roll up the flower (you can be more loose now. Apply a little glue as you go to help hold it together. Leave about a 2” tail. Flatten out the tail and glue to the bottom of the flower to hold it all together. Trim any excess fabric from around the edge.



## Rolled Strip Flowers:

Tear a strip of fabric and simply roll up, pulling at the edges to give it a rustic, frayed look. Glue together.



## Gathered Flowers:

Cut fabric twice the width you would like and fold in half. Run a gathering stitch along the long raw edges. Gather up and then roll into a flower, stitching or gluing to hold it together.

## Spiraled Rosettes:

These work well with felt. Cut about a 4” diameter circle of felt (you can trace something or just free-hand it—doesn’t have to be exact. Start at the edge and cut a spiral to the center of the circle, about 1/2” wide. Start at the outer end of the spiral and roll up tightly to make the center of the rosette. Keep rolling, using the last little bit to go on the bottom and glue or stitch together. A 4” circle ends up about a 1 1/2” flower.



# Fall Cornhusk Wreath

## Materials:

8 – 12” straw wreath form  
Brown Rit dye  
One package dried cornhusks  
Flat headed pins  
Floral wire

## Equipment:

Large pot  
Gloves  
Paper towels  
Foil  
Hot glue gun and glue  
Wire cutters

## Directions:

For variation in the cornhusks, dye about 1/2 of the package of cornhusks brown. Fill a large pot with about 5-6 inches of hot water. Add the powdered dye. Place on the stove and bring to a boil, turn down low. Using tongs and wearing gloves, place some of the cornhusks in the dye for about a minute and then remove. Rinse with cool water until the water runs clear. Place the dyed cornhusks on paper towels on top of foil to keep any excess dye from staining countertops. For darker husks, leave them in the dye a little longer. Allow to dry.

To assemble wreath, dip husks in water to soften for few seconds and then lay on paper towels to absorb excess water. Tear husks in half or thirds so that the wide blunt end (not the pointed end) is no more than 3” wide. Start with the wide end and glue and pin into the straw wreath form just to the backside of the inner circle of the wreath. Wrap the husk smoothly to the inside of the wreath and back flat along the topside of the wreath so that the pointed end sticks out to the outside of the wreath. Glue in place. Re-

Using the paint brush, coat one side of the clothespin with Mod Podge and apply the paper to cover. Repeat with all the clothespins. If you would like, you can coat the topside of the paper with the Mod Podge as well for a glossier look. Let dry.

When dry, clip the pins to the circle, spacing evenly around the edge. Put a little glue on the paper covered cardboard under the edge of each pin to hold in place. Cut a 1/4” wide strip of paper and glue around the inner edge of the cardboard between the tips of the pins to cover the cardboard.

# Clothespin Wreath

## Materials:

8" cardboard cake round or 8" diameter circle of corrugated cardboard or 8" round flat wooden circle  
Scrapbooking paper (I used 6 coordinating patterns plus another for the ring and one for the inside)  
40 wooden, spring type clothespins (may need a few more or less if yours are a different size)

## Equipment:

Thick white craft glue  
Mod Podge  
3/8" - 1/2" wide craft paint brush  
Rotary cutter, mat and metal or thick plastic ruler for cutting (or a paper cutter)  
Pencil  
Scissors

## Directions:

Clip a clothespin to the outer edge of your cardboard circle, pushing it to the center as far as possible. Measure the distance from the outer edge to where the clothespin stops touching the cardboard (mine was 1 1/4"). Remove the clothespin and mark this distance all around the circle. Cut out the center so you now have a ring just the width that the clothespins cover when clipped to it.

Trace the ring onto a sheet of scrapbooking paper and cut out. Glue down to top side of the ring to cover.

Measure the top side of your clothespin and cut your scrapbooking paper into pieces that just cover one side of the pin, using a pattern of papers around the ring that is pleasing to you. They can all be one paper or a random collection or a design of several papers.

peat, overlapping husks and inserting brown husks every so often in a pleasing pattern. Husks should fairly well cover the front of the wreath.

Turn the wreath to the back and glue more husks so that they stick straight out from the back of the wreath to the outside. These will be longer than the ones that are wrapped around the inside and on the front.

Add a final layer that starts on the back and wraps around the inside curve laying flat on the front top. These will be shorter on the front side but will cover any gaps or cornhusk edges along the inside curve of the wreath form.

Using wire, make a hanging loop and glue to the back of the wreath.



# Paper Straw Wreath

## Materials:

Styrofoam flat ring 5 7/8" in diameter by 5/8" thick, the opening in the center should be 3 3/8" in diameter  
Seven colors/prints of lightweight decorative paper  
1/4" diameter wooden dowel about 8"-9" in length  
Gimp trim (about 12")  
1 1/2" wide wired ribbon  
Wire for hanger

## Equipment:

Thick white craft glue  
Rotary cutter, mat and metal or thick plastic ruler for cutting (or a paper cutter)  
Pencil  
Scissors

## Directions:

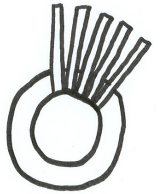
Trace foam wreath shape onto backside of one of the papers and cut out. Glue to front of Styrofoam ring. Cut strips 5/8" wide and glue around the outer edge of the ring, piecing strips as needed. Pin ends in place, if needed and let dry. Remove pins.

Using a rotary cutter and mat or a paper trimmer, cut 1 1/2" wide strips of paper into the following lengths:

My Color	Your Color	Length	Number
A (Light Green Print)		5"	18
B (Medium Green Print)		5"	18
C (Widely Scattered Poinsettias)		4"	36
D (Closely Packed Poinsettias)		3 1/4"	11
E (Red Holly Print)		2 1/2"	10
F (Red)		1 1/2"	10
G (Cream Print)		2 1/2"	5

To roll paper straws, place a paper strip face down on work surface with one long edge toward you. Place dowel over this paper edge and apply a thin coat of white glue to the opposite paper edge. Tightly roll paper and dowel away from you until glued edge adheres to paper straw. Roll dowel firmly against work surface for a few seconds to ensure a good bond. Slip the straw off the dowel. Repeat, rolling all paper strips into straws, keeping them separated by color.

Alternating the color A and B straws, glue to the front of the wreath. Place the glue on the seam side of the straws and glue them with the ends flush with the wreath center opening and the straws touching each other at this edge. Angle the straws so the outer ends of the straws are evenly spaced, like a starburst (approximately 1" or so apart).



For the second layer, glue the color C straws on top of the first layer, between the A and B straws. The ends should be flush with the center opening.

For the third straw layer, repeat the following pattern until you have only one space left. EDEDFGF. Again the straw ends should be flush with opening and fall between the previous layer straws. You will have one color D straw left to fill in the last space.

Using one of the papers, cut two 11" x 1 1/2" strips. Glue the strips wrong sides together. Glue around the inside edge of the wreath. Glue gimp trim around the front center opening of the wreath. Tie a bow with the ribbon and glue on top where the gimp trim ends meet. Glue a hanging loop of wire to the top back of the Styrofoam.