

MAKE YOUR OWN FESTIVE WREATH

INSTRUCTIONS

You will need:

- A hoop made from a flexible stick like willow or a paper plate with the centre cut out a variety of card in festive colours.
- 50cm length of ribbon or festive string
- Optional 1m battery powered fairy lights and cable tie/tape
- The template sheet printed out Scissors
- Pencil
- PVA glue

How to make it:

1. You might choose to create your own leaf, berry, candy cane, star, snowflake etc shapes but there is a sheet of templates for you to use if you like.

Making a three dimensional berry: cut some long tapered strips of your chosen card following the template shape from the template sheet. Starting at the wide end of the strip tightly roll the paper to make a round bead. Unroll it, spread glue on the inside along its whole length before rolling it up again. Leave it to dry. Repeat to make as many berries as you need.

2. Draw around the template shapes on the sheet (holly or mistletoe) or design your own, and cut them out. As a guide you will need approximately 20 holly leaves to make a whole wreath but you might choose to make a half wreath which would need fewer decorations.

Tip: *You might like to fold your holly leaves along the length to give them a good shape and you could use a combination of leaf shapes and long grass-like twirls to give more interest.*

3. If you are using fairy lights, now is a good time to attach them to your hoop (bendy stick or cut paper plate) using tape or a cable tie. This is optional, your wreath will look just as beautiful without lights.
4. You're now ready to decorate your wreath using all the shapes you have made. Use the PVA glue to stick your card shapes to the hoop. To stick any round berries you will need a good blob of glue and lots of patience as it will take a while to dry (possibly overnight). But once it has, your pieces will be very secure.

Tip: *If you have used fairy lights, try to position your leaves and decoration to cover the battery pack as much as possible so it isn't too visible whilst trying not to stick too much decoration over the bulbs so it still lights up well.*

5. Finally, attach the ribbon or festive twine, either to hang your wreath or you might choose to make a decorative bow with it, or both.
6. Find a place to hang your work (switch on the lights) and admire!

