

How to make a Christmas Wreath

Step One



Take one dogwood stick bend it gently to form a circle weaving the ends together.

Take another stick of dogwood and weave that around the circle you have just made. Start it approx five cms away from the joining point of the previous stick.

Repeat above procedure with at least another two sticks of dogwood. You should finish up with a firm circle. If it is not entirely round gently push it into shape, but don't worry it will be hidden with greenery.

If any ends are sticking out trim these off with secateurs.

Take a branch of cypress (not too thick) and push the end of the branch under a bit of the dogwood.

Take another branch and push the end of that under a bit of the dogwood beneath the piece of cypress you have just put in.

Make sure that the cypress is going in the same direction and is the same way round as the previous piece. You can tell this from the colour. Keep on doing this until you have covered the whole of the wreath. You only need to do one side of the wreath.

If you can't stick the cypress under the dogwood don't worry, just lay it flat on top of the wreath but make sure you hide the end of the branches.

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Step Three



Take a length of string and tightly wind it around the cypress and dogwood wreath. This will hold everything in place.

Make sure the ends of the string are secured to the dogwood wreath by tying it onto the wreath. You could also use long lengths of ivy for this.

Once that is done decide what is going to be the top of the wreath.

Then tie a short length of string around the wreath so you can hang it up. Later on you can hide this with ribbon if you wish.

You are now ready to decorate the wreath.

Natural decorations you can use are:-

Ivy, holly, pine & spruce cones,

Dried orange peel, cinnamon sticks

Most of these can be secured by tucking into the wreath. If you can't secure the item use the glue gun to stick it onto the wreath.

You can also add ribbons and other Christmas decorations.

BEWARE – The glue in the gun is very hot so just be very careful.

If you don't have dogwood you can use willow or any other bendy branches.

Step Four

