

Christmas Decorations

Christmas Wreath & Table Centre

What do we need to start?

For both projects:

Work area and newspaper to prevent mess

Silver/gold decorative spray paint

Pair of secateurs, pliers and scissors

Cardboard box

Roll of thin garden wire, string or twine

Green foliage - Sprigs of conifer foliage - (Leylandii cypresses), holly and ivy

Candles for decoration

Pine cones of various sizes

Elastic bands and sticky tape

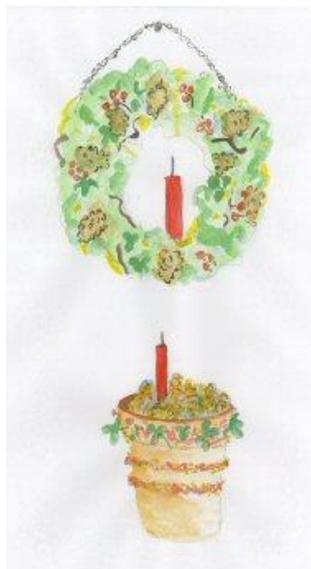
Tinsel, Christmas paper and silver foil

Festive ribbon

Wire coat hanger

Some 10 - 15cm diameter flower pots filled with dry soil or sand

Time needed to complete: 60 to 90 minutes





To make a decorative Christmas wreath for hanging on a door or wall

1. Carefully cut some stiff cardboard into a 30cm to 35cm diameter circle with a 15cm hole in the middle of it. Make some holes in the cardboard and tie on the flexible lengths of evergreen foliage to the cardboard backing using wire or cord to make a round sausage about 4cm to 7cm thick.

2. Wrap ivy around the circular sausage tying in the ends as you go. The circular wreath should now be

tightly packed and ready to decorate with holly, pine cones, tinsel and bows of festive ribbon etc.

3. To secure the pine cones and other decorative bits and pieces, tie some wire or cord around each item leaving sufficient length to tie it onto the wreath. Pine cones can be brightened with white paint or some silver or gold spray before they are attached to the decoration.

4. To secure a candle, make a small hole on the inside bottom edge of the tightly packed foliage and push the candle into it. Finally make a loop of wire or twine around the top of the wreath for hanging.

To make a table decoration



1. Cover a medium size flower pot with silver foil or colourful Christmas paper (the pot can be painted with water resistant children's paint).

2. Fill the pot with dry sand or soil.

3. Cut the wire coat hanger to a length of 50cm and form it into a circle, leaving one or two prongs about 8cm long that can be pushed into the sand/soil.

4. Lengths of ivy and other green foliage can be wrapped around the wire and the pot and secured with string, elastic bands or sticky tape.

5. Place a candle in the centre of the pot and surround it with silver and gold-sprayed pine cones of various sizes. To secure the cones attach wire to the base of each and push them down into the sand/soil.

6. To finish the decoration, tie a bow of festive ribbon around the pot. You may need some glue or sticky tape to hold it in place.

7. NB - candles are for decoration, never light them, it may cause a fire.