

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Today I have a little inspiration for you for Advent or Christmas wreaths, which you can use to decorate your doors, windows, or holiday table. Many of you are very skilled, so I believe that you already have this DIY in your little finger. But I think it's a beautiful tradition to share with family or maybe friends.

Every year I make 2-3. One for Advent and one to two for the door. I like natural materials, in addition to green twigs I use dried fruits, nuts and other plants or sprues to add a festive touch. I have been enjoying the preparation for making wreaths since the initial walks for twigs, pinecones, and other material. While creating, I light candles, play the first carols, and cook the glogg.

FOR A DIY WREATH YOU WILL NEED

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

- readymade wreath base (straw, metal circle)
- garden scissors
- scissors/wire pliers
- glue gun
- floristic binding wire (green)
- green thread
- candles
- candle holders
- jute ribbon or other nice ribbons

PLANTS

- green sprues (fir, thuja, pine, or juniper)
- green twigs – boxwood, blueberry shrubs
- eucalyptus twigs
- dried fruits (oranges, tangerines, apples)
- nuts
- cones
- cinnamon sticks

Note:

Since the wreath should last a long time, it is better to use plants that are beautiful even after drying.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use garden scissors to cut the sprues into individual twigs of approx. 15 cm in length. Next, prepare the binding wire, which should have a similar color to the sprues.
2. Attach the wire to the body of the wreath.
3. Place individual twigs on the body in thick layers, so that you cover the entire body from the top and sides and the base do not peek out anywhere. It doesn't have to be from the underside of the base. Wrap the layer with a binding wire and tighten each time. Try to cover the previous loop from the wire. The goal is not to create the ideal shape of the wreath with the binding wire for the first time, it is necessary to sufficiently cover the body with wire and fasten it. Once we finish wrapping the binding wire, make a loop on it and secure.
4. Personally, I like messy wreaths, but if you don't, take a sewing thread, which should have a color like the pine, so that it is not visible and does not disturb the final impression. Attach the thread to the base and gradually begin to wrap it around the body, more densely than in the case of the binding wire, now you need to attach the sticking twigs and give the wreath the resulting shape.
5. If you are making an Advent wreath:
6. Attach metal cups for candles to the wreath (some have spikes, stick them into the body). Glue the cup with a glue gun. Make sure that the candle cups are distributed symmetrically.
7. And now you have the wreath ready for the final decoration. For this you can use any Christmas decorations, dried fruit, cinnamon, pinecones, and others.