



# FACEBOOK LIVE SEMINAR

## How to Make a Fresh Wreath and Garland

Add a touch of festive greenery to your home this holiday season with a fresh green wreath or garland. It's the perfect way to welcome your holiday guests to your front door or to make a statement indoors above your mantle, on a mirror, in the kitchen or wherever you want to deck the halls. Follow these step-by-step instructions to create a fresh and fragrant wreath or garland from start to finishing bow.

### FRESH GREENERY OPTIONS

- holly
- nandina
- acuba
- magnolias
- firs (Fraser or noble)
- boxwood
- conifers (Leyland cypress juniper, gold mop cypress, eastern red cedar). Cedars are typically longer-lasting and tend to be more fragrant.

### EMBELLISHMENT OPTIONS

- pinecones
- berries
- lights
- ribbon

### CREATING A FRESH WREATH

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- gloves
- pruners
- fresh-cut greens of your choice

- wreath form
- paddle wire (floral wire)
- scissors or wire cutters
- Command hooks or suction cup to hang

### STEPS TO MAKING A FRESH WREATH

1. Collect fresh cuttings. We recommend using small pieces with stems that are not so woody.
2. Assembling the cuttings. Group/bundle several branches together using wire. Start at one side of the wreath-frame and attach greenery bundles using a piece of wire.
3. Continue around the wreath form securing the cutting bundles with wire. Be sure to attach the wire securely, since the weight from the greenery will become heavy as you start to add more.
4. Add accessories as desired.
5. Prune and shape.

### CREATING A MAGNOLIA WREATH

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- gloves
- pruners
- fresh-cut magnolia
- wreath form
- paddle wire (floral wire)
- scissors or wire cutters
- Command hooks or suction cups to hang

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### STEPS TO MAKING A MAGNOLIA WREATH

1. Collect fresh magnolia cuttings.
2. Assembling the cuttings. Gently remove the leaves (leaving the stem) from magnolia branches. Discard branches.
3. Assemble leaves (4-6 in a bunch) and wrap the "stems" with approximately a 12-inch piece of wire leaving several inches to attach to the frame.
4. Take the leaf bundle and attach firmly to the frame with wire, making sure the wire is tight enough to keep the bundle from slipping.
5. Repeat the above step and attach the bundle on the opposite side of the frame several inches away from the other bundle, making sure the leaves cover the wire and stems.
6. Continue all the way around until frame is full.
7. Add accessories as desired.
8. Prune and shape.

TIP: At the end of the season, remove the greenery from the wire form and save the form to make a fresh wreath next year.

### CREATING A FRESH GARLAND

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- gloves
- pruners
- heavy duty jute or other string (to use as a guide for your garland)
- paddle wire (floral wire)
- fresh green cuttings of your choice
- scissors or wire cutters
- Command hooks or suction cups to hang

### STEPS TO MAKING A FRESH GARLAND

1. Measure the area you are creating the garland for.
2. Layout your string or wire to use as a guide for your garland.
3. Collect assorted fresh cuttings. We recommend using small pieces with stems that are not so woody.
4. Assembling the cuttings. Group/bundle several branches together using wire. Start at one end of the string or wire and attach greenery bundles using a piece of wire to string or wire form.
5. Continue your way down the string or wire, tying greens together and adding more until you get the desired length and fullness.
6. Add accessories as desired.
7. Prune and shape.

*TIP: Mixing faux and fresh greens together is a great way to create a beautiful wreath or garland.*

### PRESERVING YOUR WREATH AND GARLANDS

We recommend spraying your wreath with Wilt Stop by Bonide to keep it looking fresh throughout the holidays.

Boxwood and magnolia can be preserved with glycerin and water solution, or you can let them age naturally. Oftentimes boxwood will age to nice golden straw color and can be use year after year.

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