

12 Days of Christmas

Deck the Halls
Make your own wreath

Add a little home-made festive sparkle this Christmas

What you'll need

Secateurs/hardy scissors - to trim your foliage and flowers

Gloves - to protect your hands

Foliage and flowers

Base

Optional extras - ribbon, any left over decorations

Flowers and foliage

There are lots of ways you can source this - from grabbing a ready made bouquet from your local supermarket, or florist. **Co-op have some great options available in store.** For a fuller wreath, you can collect extra foliage from your garden or forage while you are on your winter walkers - birch, holly and ivy make great additions.



A base

There are lots of options from sprucing up artificial wreaths to purchase bases:

Rattan bases

These are available from Hobbycraft or other online craft stores.



Wire flat wreath frame

Are available from hobby craft or other craft stores. Will need wire and moss for this option.



Foam ring

Available from Hobbycraft or other craft stores. .



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Using a rattan base

Level - Easy

Before you start

- Store your flowers and foliage in water for a few hours to ensure they are fully hydrated
- Use an old towel or plastic bag to cover your work surface
- Gather together all your flowers and foliage, decorations, scissors and gloves
- Pour your favourite festive drink

Choose your design

Decide how you wish your wreath to look - full and lush, half decorated, with or without ribbon. For ideas "*Christmas wreath inspo*"

Your base

Use your greenery to cover your base - cut your greenery to minimum 8cm and weave into the rattan, ensuring they are secure. Start with your larger pieces of greenery to create a base. For full wreaths use a mix of greenery to add texture, you can also opt for half wreath, which looks great with a rattan base.

Ribbon

If you are having a ribbon, decide where it will go - top or bottom. You can then shape your decorations around it.

Your florals/ decorations

Whether you have a bouquet or have opted for using your extra decorations, they all provide extra colour and sparkle to your Christmas wreath. Feed the flowers into the rattan, ensuring they are secure.



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Using a foam base

Level - Medium

Before you start

- Store your flowers and foliage in water for a few hours to ensure they are fully hydrated
- Feed your foam/ oasis with some water
- Use an old towel or plastic bag to cover your work surface
- Gather together all your flowers and foliage, decorations, scissors and gloves
- Pour your favourite festive drink



Choose your design

Decide how you wish your wreath to look - full and lush, half foam bases also are great for a table centre piece. For ideas "*Christmas wreath inspo*" or "*Christmas table centre inspo*"

Your base

Use your greenery to cover your base - cut your greenery to minimum 8cm and poke into the oasis/foam. For a full wreath start with the larger pieces of greenery, add your extra foliage or smaller pieces to create texture



Ribbon

If you are having a ribbon, decide where it will go - top or bottom. You can then shape your decorations around it.

Your florals/ decorations

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Using a wire base

Level - Challenging

Before you start

- Store your flowers and foliage in water for a few hours to ensure they are fully hydrated
- Gather the moss, wire (or gardening string) and wire base.
- Use an old towel or plastic bag to cover your work surface
- Gather together all your flowers and foliage, decorations, scissors and gloves
- Pour your favourite festive drink

Choose your design

Decide how you wish your wreath to look - full and lush, or half and half? Moss base will add extra texture to your wreath. For ideas *"Christmas wreath inspo"* or *"moss base wreath inspo"*

Your base

Lay the moss on your wire base, and use the florist wire (or string) to wrap around the moss to attach to the wire base. Wrap with on length of wire to ensure its secure.

Use your foliage to create a leafy base for your decorations - depending on your choice, for a full base, use the larger pieces as the base and top with the smaller pieces. Ensure they are secure. You may need to use some extra wire (or string) here!

Ribbon

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Your florals/ decorations

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Foliage, Flowers and Decoration ideas

Ivy
Holly
Conifer
Fir branches

Fairtrade Roses
Any other flowers
Fir cones
Dried fruits
Cinnamon sticks
Artificial berries
Baubles
Leftover decorations



Don't forget Co-op have some great festive bouquets
available

