WREATH MAKING INSTRUCTIONS



Supplies:

Gloves (optional)

Paddle wire

12" wreath ring

4-5# greens

Special decorations: ribbon, pine cones, dried flowers, seed pods, artificial flowers or berries, etc.

Clippers (or something to cut greens and wire).

Step 1.

Select your greens. You will need approximately 5# for a 12" wreath ring.

Noble Fir adds bulk to a wreath, a perfect base.

Doug Fir is also a great base for bulk (not as fluffy as Noble Fir).

Juniper adds a blue tone and great accent with the berries.

Pine adds a fine, blue texture.

Cedar adds a lacy effect.

Holly has a bold, shiny texture, but the berries can turn black indoors.

Statice, fruit, and cut flowers add pizzazz.

Cut your greens into 5-7" pieces.

Step 2.

Wrap paddle wire a couple times around one spot on the wire ring, moving from outside to inside of ring hole. This will anchor the wire to the ring.

Layer a bundle of cut greens (5 stems approx. 5-7" long) to the wreath frame and wrap 3-4 times with the paddle wire, pulling tight. Your bundles can be a single type of green or a mix.

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Step 3.

Layer a second bundle of greens, same size, on top of the first. Make sure you cover the stems of the previous bunch. Then wrap 3-4 times with paddle wire.

For a creative flair, you can use different greens in consecutive bundles. For example, your first bundle is Noble Fir and Juniper, your second bundle is Noble Fir and Pine.

Step 4.

Repeat Step #3 until the ring is covered.

Slip the last bundle under the first. Secure last bundle with extra wire. Cut the wire from the paddle and wrap the end around the frame to secure tightly. Make a wire loop around the back side of the wreath to hang it.

If desired decorate with cones, ornaments, or a bow using paddle wire to secure to the frame.

If keeping indoors, mist frequently with water to keep fresh.

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE COMBINATIONS INCLUDE:

- Noble Fir, Juniper, and Evergreen Huckleberry
- Doug Fir, Port Orford Cedar, and Eucalyptus
- Noble Fir, Pine, and Western Red Cedar
- Silver Fir, Eryngium, Lemon Cypress, and Baby's Breath
- Noble Fir, Incense Cedar, and Juniper

Happy holidays from all of us at Portland Nursery!