

Kitchen Christmas Wreath

~ Create this pretty wreath for the kitchen or backdoor ~





Materials You'll Need:

- a 15-20cms (6-8 inch) ready-made twigs wreath
- plastic ivy runner - 1 or 2 lengths about 30cms (12inches) each
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 small Christmas teddy, or angel, or another motif
- 2-3 packets Christmas icons and buttons (such as gingerbread cookie & cutters, lolly pops, bonbons, love hearts, etc)
- wide Christmas ribbon (for bow - wired edge will hold better)
- 2 x 36 inch lengths of 1/4 inch ribbon (to dangle from bow)
- cooking string or natural twine, or ribbon for cinnamon sticks



Also:

- fine wire (for attaching icons and hanger)
- wire cutters or old scissors
- black or brown cotton (less visible)
- large sewing/darning needle (easier to sew ivy on with)

Instructions:

1. Take about 12 inches of the wire. Fold in 3 and twist tightly.
2. Choose the top-centre of the best side of the wreath & wind both ends around twigs, about 2-3 inches apart leaving a little arc for the wall/door hook.
3. Twist and knot firmly into the back of the wreath.
4. Right-side facing now. Wire a gingerbread house, or something else you have chosen as a feature, in the front of the loop to hide it. Wires can be seen in the photo above.
5. Tie the cinnamon sticks together with the twine, giving a little off-centre twist so they are not parallel. Directly opposite, at the base of the wreath, wire the cinnamon in place.
6. Sew the ivy from the back of the wreath so that it appears at the outer edge.



7. Wire (or sew with the dark cotton if you prefer) the remaining icons and buttons around the front of the wreath.
8. Iron the ribbons.
9. Fold the 2 thin ribbons in half. Matching the top centre of the loop to the base, wire or sew the thin ribbon strands in place.
10. When they are dangling straight create the large bow and sew in place.
11. **Optional** – replace the hearts and sweets/lollies by adding other Christmas novelties or icons such as small bells, candy-canes, snowman, gifts, etc.
12. Lovely as gift 😊
13. Store in a box (cake boxes are ideal) and next Christmas just give the dangling ribbon ends a light press before hanging.



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