



ECO FRIENDLY ADVENT WREATH

MATERIALS

4 x bees wax candles
Green wire or green embroidery thread or green cotton or twine or string or floral wire.
Branches from a pine tree, and any other interesting foliage. Eucalyptus and pine look great together.

TOOLS NEEDED

Garden scissors, secateurs or old sharp scissors.
Pliers for wire

INSTRUCTIONS

Read all the instructions before beginning....

Go for a walk and find some lovely fresh branches from a pine tree, fir tree or any interesting tree. I like to find the branches with new growth as they are a softer green colour.

Shake and look for any insects living amongst the foliage, leave them behind.





Starting with the thickest branch trim off a few on the inside stems.

Cut the chosen tying thread into lengths of about 8cm, shorter lengths for wire.

Over the first branch, lie the next branch, tie to hold in place with your thread.



If using wire twist the wire over to hold in place , keep adding branches until it is big enough.

An ideal inside circle is around 30 cm wide to accommodate 4 candles.



Join the branches to close circle.

Add smaller stems of pine or other foliage and poke into the circle covering any blank spots and cover any thread or wires, take care to bend over any wires sticking up or trim with pliers.

Use a round platter or a tray to display the wreath on and then it can also be easily moved.

If any foliage becomes a little sad looking you can replace with fresh foliage over the days leading up to Christmas.

Trim any foliage that is too close to the flame of the candle and please take care with flame and do not leave unattended.

I like to make the wreath on the fourth Sunday before Christmas this year the date is the 1st December 2019

On each of the 4 Sunday 1 Dec , 8 Dec, 15 Dec, 22 Dec we light a candle.

So on the 1 Dec we light one candle,
on the 8 Dec we light two
on the 15 Dec
we light three on the 22 December we light four.

A lovely family ritual can be to light the corresponding amount of candles at dinner time during the week as well.

A lovely song to sing while lighting the candle.
Advent, Advent a candle burns
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First one then two then three then four
Then stands the Light Child at my door.

or the last line can be
Then stands the Christ Child at my door.

Please enjoy making this creation, do not hesitate to ask any questions if any step is unclear.

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