

Traditional Wreath Tutorial

Included within your DIY kit:

Round Mossed wreath ring with hook

60x florist wires

Mixed foliage (including Conifer, Spruce, Holly and Eucalyptus)

Pine Cones

Orange and Apple slices

Cinnamon stick parcels

Whole Oranges

Ribbon bow

Not included:

Secateurs/Scissors

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies!

1. Foliage Bunches

To begin, you will need to strip the bottom leaves off your base foliage – for this I would use the Conifer and Spruce (shown in the photos below) but it's completely up to you! – pull the bottom leaves off of each stem, leaving a gap of about 2cm from the bottom (as demonstrated below). Once you have done this for 2/3 pieces, group into bunches and cut the ends so that they are all the same length. Make sure that each piece isn't too long; you may think it's easier and will take less time to make but it will cause your wreath to lose its shape and flap around.



2. Wiring

To wire each bunch, you will need to make a small shepherd's hook (as shown below) with one side of the wire – for this I would recommend one of the smaller florist wires but it doesn't matter too much if you would prefer to use the longer one, or a mixture – hold against your foliage bunch from step one, and then wind the other end around the hook and the bottom of the bunch a couple of times until it is secure. Repeat this step until all your foliage is in little bunches.



3. Foliage Base

For the next step, make sure you know where the top of your wreath is (the hook for your door will already be on the back of the moss frame) so you can arrange your foliage where you would like it.

To make the base, push the wire from your foliage bunch through the moss, turn your wreath over and push the end of the wire back into the moss at an angle to secure it – make sure it doesn't poke through to the other side! For the next bunch of foliage, lay this over the wire holding the previous bunch in the base on the front, and continue the step as above.



4. Extra Foliage

You can then add any extra foliage bunches – Holly is included within the kit but you can add any extras from the garden if you feel like it – using the steps as above but this time, layer over the top of the foliage base. Make sure you remove the bottom leaves!



5. Orange and Apple Slices

To wire the orange and apple slices (I would suggest doing these in 2s or 3s but again, completely up to you) arrange the slices so that you can push the wire through all 3 at once (shown below), pull the wire through and loop it round. Twist this end around the wire stem 2-3 times until it feels secure.



6. Pine Cones

For each Pine Cone, wrap your wire around the bottom layer (as shown below), leaving enough so that you are able to wrap the end around the wire stem 2 or 3 times to secure it.



7. Cinnamon Stick Parcels

These are probably the easiest to wire out of the whole lot! Push the wire through the raffia bow on each parcel to make a small hook (shown below). Wrap the end of the hook around the stem a couple of times to secure.



8. Whole Oranges

These can prove to be tricky to wire but they do look great if you decide to use them on your wreath!

Push the wire through one of the gaps on the orange until it goes straight through to the other side - you may have to try more than one gap until you find one that works. Once through the gap, pull the wire down to one end of the orange, making sure that the orange is sat halfway on the wire. Fold the wire in half and twist together 2-3 times until it feels secure.



9. Finishing Touches

You can add as many of the above as you would like to your wreath using the method from step 3 but layering over the foliage. You can group the fruit together or spread them apart, add 1 whole orange or add 3... *remember that the kit isn't a recipe, you don't have to use everything included – just be as creative as you would like!*

To finish, add the bow included within the kit. Tie it at either the top or the bottom of your wreath and cut the excess raffia off the back.

You can now hang your finished wreath where you would like it, take lots of pictures and show off to all your family and friends that you made that! Don't forget to tag us (Flowers on Main Street) on social media as we would love to see your creations and most importantly, enjoy!!



If you have any questions, please do get in touch: info@floweronmainstreet.co.uk

Merry Christmas! 😊