

How To Make a Wreath out of Fabric Scraps

Wreaths have been a symbol of warmth, welcome, and celebration throughout history. These circular arrangements of flowers, leaves, and other materials have decorated doors, walls, and tables, bringing a touch of beauty and festivity to any space. While traditional wreaths often involve natural elements, today, I'm exploring a more creative and sustainable way: making a wreath from fabric scraps. I like to have some outdoor decorations for the Holidays and Christmas but it doesn't have to be too much. Just some lights and my diy wreath will do the trick this year.



Before we delve into the crafting process, let's look at the history of wreaths and the cultural significance they hold.

Where do Wreaths come from?

Wreaths date back to ancient civilizations, where they were used in various ceremonies and festivals. In ancient Greece, wreaths made of laurel leaves were awarded to victors in athletic competitions, symbolizing honor and accomplishment. Romans adopted this tradition and used wreaths not only as symbols of victory but also as decorative elements in celebrations and ceremonies.

During the Middle Ages, wreaths took on religious significance, often crafted with evergreen foliage and symbolic elements. Over time, wreaths evolved to become a part of Christmas and

other festive traditions in many cultures. In the modern era, wreaths have become very versatile decorative items, used for a wide variety of occasions beyond the holiday season.

Making a Fabric Scrap Wreath

Now, let's explore how you can create your own unique wreath using fabric scraps. I really like the idea of having a wreath that you can reuse and customize for different occasions so my goal is to make a basic wreath. As I am a big fan of the natural green wreaths, I made one out of my green fabric scraps

Materials Needed

- **Fabric Scraps:** Collect a variety of fabric scraps in the colors and patterns that you like.

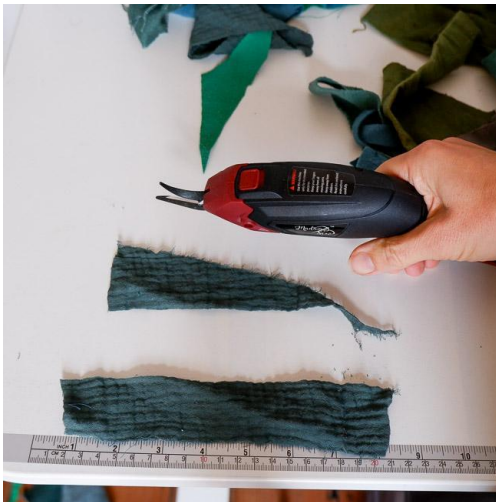
What is the best material for a rag wreath?

Medium-weight cotton fabric such as quilting fabric works well. Making this wreath is a great way to use up fabrics you have in your stash. You can even cut up old sheets, pillowcases or shirts if you want to recycle that fabric. When you use other types of fabric rather than cotton, check how they look when knotted on the base. I found that thin knitted fabric and stretch fabrics are often too floppy for a good result. The fabric should have some stiffness. Fleece works well, linen and canvas do too.

- **Wreath Base:** Choose a wreath base made of wire. I used one with a single circle and a little hook, but there are double and triple wired wreath bases that will give your wreath more volume. You will need more fabric to fill those. The diameter of my wreath base is 8 inches, it is a small one. I bought it for three dollars in a local craft store.



- **Scissors:** You need scissors to cut fabric into strips or shapes. Regular [fabric scissors](#), [pinking shears](#) or [electric fabric scissors](#) can be used. If you are using cotton fabrics, you can also tear the fabrics into pieces to get a rag wreath.



- **Ribbon or Twine:** For hanging your finished wreath or make a bow to personalize the wreath.

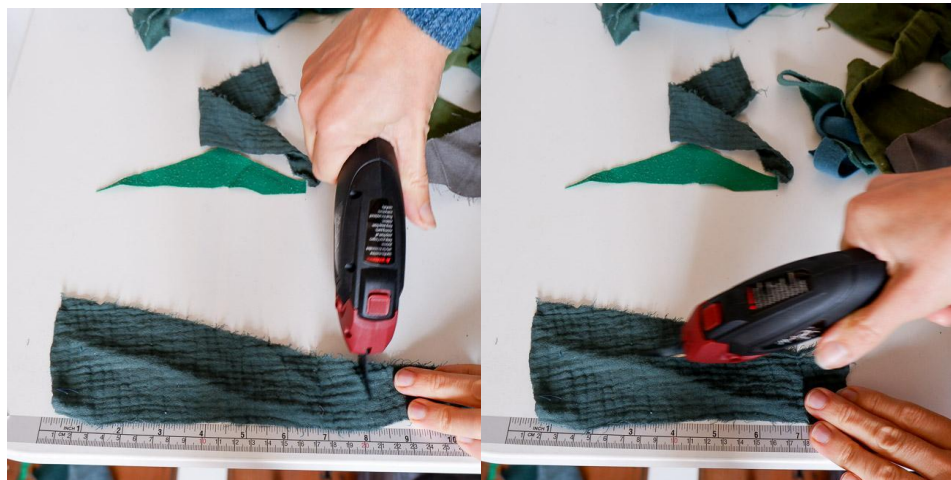
Step-by-Step Guide to Make a Fabric Scraps Wreath

Prepare the Fabric

- Start by sorting your fabric scrap box into different color groups and decide what scraps you will use for your wreath.



- Cut selected fabric scraps into strips. You can vary the lengths and widths for a dynamic look or cut them all equal for a more serene wreath. To speed up the process of cutting all these strips, I used [the Madam Sew Electric Fabric Scissors](#). I'm also very happy with [the ruler tape that is glued to my table top](#). I don't have to look for it. It doesn't move around. It's a big help for quick measurements when I'm working.



What size should the fabric strips be for a rag wreath?

I found that 1.5 x 8 inches works well for the size of the strips. You may wish to make them shorter or wider. The thicker the fabric the thinner I would cut the strip to avoid the knot being too bulky.

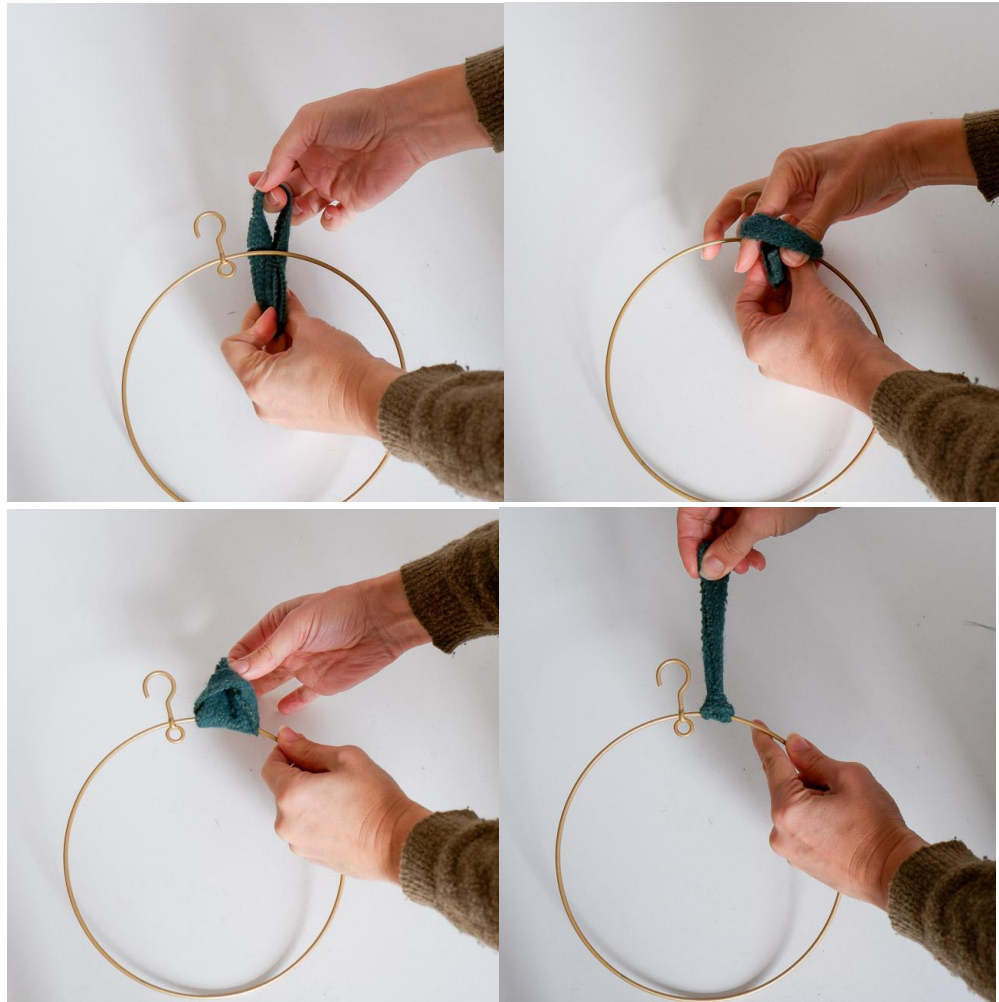
How many strips of fabric for a rag wreath?

The amount of fabric that you will need will depend on the size of your wreath base. For my 12 inch wreath I used about 75 strips. If you are using fat quarters, you would need about three fat quarters.



Knot the Fabric

- Take each fabric strip and wrap it around the wreath base, securing it with a knot. This is how I knot: Fold the strip in two lengthwise. Hold it close to the wire on the fold and form a little loop just above the wire. Grab the strip ends and pull them through the loop, over/around the wire.



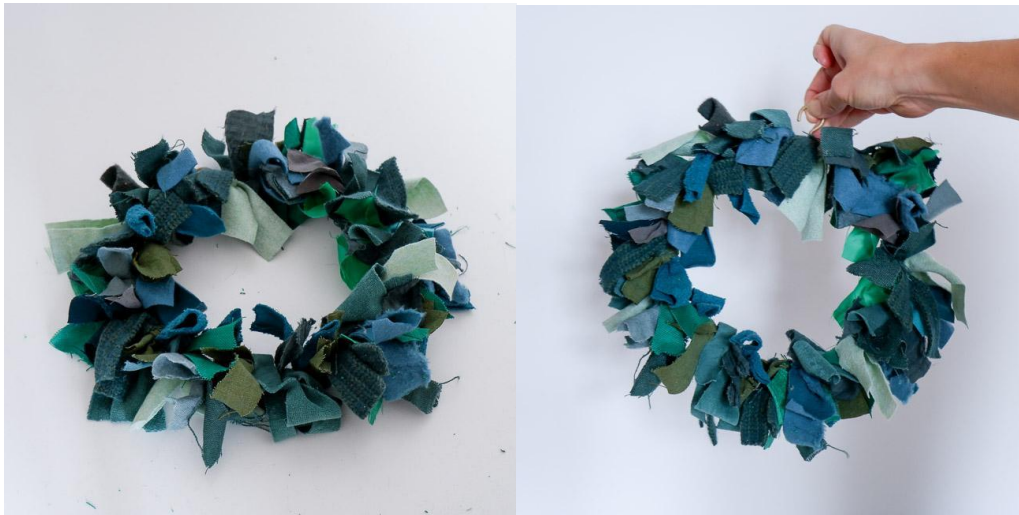
- Continue adding strips until the entire base is covered. Push the knots tightly together.



- Mix and Match: Experiment with different fabric colors and patterns to create a visually appealing design. Don't be afraid to get creative!

Personalize the Wreath

- Add Accents: Enhance your wreath with additional elements like small ornaments, flowers, or bows.
- Create a Hanger: Attach a ribbon or twine to the back of the wreath for easy hanging.
- Add your own flair by incorporating elements that hold sentimental value, such as fabric from old clothes or special occasions.





In conclusion, crafting a wreath from fabric scraps is both a creative endeavor and a meaningful one. As you start this DIY project, remember that your wreath can carry a piece of your personal history and style, making it a truly special addition to your home for the Holidays. So, gather your fabric scraps, unleash your creativity, and let the wreath-making adventure start here 😊!

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