

A person with long, wavy, light-colored hair is seen from the back, wearing a dark green long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are holding a large, circular floral wreath in front of their lower body. The wreath is made of green foliage, small yellow flowers, and purple blossoms. The person is wearing dark green Chelsea boots. The background is a wall of vertical wooden planks with a weathered, greyish-blue patina. The ground is a rough, grey concrete surface with some scattered leaves and debris.

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A YEAR OF FLOWER
WREATHS

Cone candle wreath

I like to set the table nicely with a beautiful wreath as a centrepiece. Pine branches keep very well indoors, even if they will of course dry out more quickly due to the warmth. This is a wreath I save and bring out again year after year. A wreath made from cones will keep forever; I just swap out the pine branches each year and the wreath is like new again.

LEVEL: EASY

- 1 Start by gluing spruce cones to the outside of the straw base using a glue gun.
- 2 Place cones around the whole wreath so that the outside is completely covered.
- 3 Add pine branches to the inside of the wreath and secure in place with florist wire.
- 4 Make sure that the whole of the inside is covered, so that you can't see the straw base coming through.
- 5 Place pine branches on the top of the wreath. Secure the branches into place using u-shaped lengths of florist wire.
- 6 Attach florist wire to the pine cones, then push them into the top of the wreath.
- 7 Push candle holders down into the wreath, then place candles in the candle holders to create a beautiful centrepiece for your table.

MATERIALS

Glue gun
Straw base
Florist wire
Wire cutters
Candle holders

FLOWERS/FOLIAGE

Pine branches
Pine cones with florist
wire attached
Spruce cones





Eucalyptus wreath

In the autumn and winter the availability of eucalyptus is at its best. I love both the colour and the form. Eucalyptus comes in many different forms, most of which have the same beautiful grey-green colour.

I usually make wreaths that I hang up in the kitchen, where I leave them to dry. They retain their colour when dried and they smell lovely. If you have your own plants, you can cut branches from them for your wreaths.

LEVEL: MEDIUM

1 Start by wrapping a metal ring with floral tape. Secure the tape and pull it lightly so that it gets tacky and sticks to the ring. Wrap around the whole ring to prevent the eucalyptus from sliding around.

2 Attach myrtle wire to the ring by wrapping it around and twisting the end to secure.

3 With secateurs, divide the eucalyptus into smaller pieces. Eucalyptus cinerea can be split between the leaf pairs, meaning you get many little branches out of it.

4 Add a couple of branches of eucalyptus cinerea to the ring and secure in place by wrapping myrtle wire around the stems a couple of times.

5 Place a bunch of eucalyptus with berries, covering the stems from the previous bunch, then secure in place with myrtle wire.

6 Alternate the two different varieties around the whole wreath.

7 When you reach the end, lift the first bunch of eucalyptus to tuck the stems under.

8 Turn the wreath over and cut the wire with wire cutters. Secure by 'sewing' a couple of stitches into the wrapped wire.

MATERIALS

Metal ring
Floral tape
Myrtle wire, green
Secateurs
Wire cutters

FLOWERS/FOLIAGE

Eucalyptus cinerea
Eucalyptus with
berries





Rosehip candle lantern wreath

Rosehips are so incredibly beautiful; it's amazing that roses can create these beautiful berries! They do have long, horrible thorns, so make sure you have a good pair of gloves on when handling them.

Usually, I use rosehips as accents in decorations, but in this wreath they get to take centre stage. With different varieties of rosehips and a bit of moss as a base, this wreath makes a lovely decoration for a candle lantern.

LEVEL: MEDIUM

- 1 Start by shaping aluminium wire into a suitable-sized ring and twist the ends together.
- 2 Wrap a metal ring with floral tape. Secure the tape and pull it lightly so that it gets tacky and sticks to the ring. Wrap around the whole ring to prevent the flowers from sliding around.
- 3 Attach myrtle wire to the ring by wrapping it around it and twisting the end.
- 4 Place moss around the ring to cover the aluminium wire, then secure in place with myrtle wire. Make sure the whole ring is covered with moss.
- 5 Add rosehips to the ring, securing in place by wrapping myrtle wire around the stems.
- 6 Continue adding different varieties of rosehips, using each bunch to cover the stems of the previous bunches to hide them.
- 7 When you reach the end, lift up the first bunch of rosehips to tuck the stems under.
- 8 Turn the wreath over and cut the wire with wire cutters. Secure by 'sewing' a couple of stitches into the wrapped wire.

MATERIALS

Aluminium wire
Floral tape
Myrtle wire, green
Wire cutters

FLOWERS/FOLIAGE

Moss
Rosehips, different varieties



