

A person with long, wavy, light-colored hair is seen from the back, wearing a dark green long-sleeved top and dark pants. They are holding a large, circular floral wreath in front of their lower body. The wreath is composed of various greenery, including small yellow and purple flowers, and clusters of small yellow and purple berries. The person is wearing dark green Chelsea boots. The background is a rustic wall made of vertical wooden planks with visible knots and grain. The ground is a rough, grey concrete or stone surface.

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# A YEAR OF FLOWER WREATHS



## 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





