

Round & Round

Dreaming of a winter wonderland? Craving a cozy, woodsy cabin? These easy-to-craft embellishments for a basic wreath will ring in the holidays with a distinct sense of place.

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Choose a Base
Each of these looks starts with a simple store-bought live or faux-greenery wreath.



Snow Flower
Snip white ribbon into 3-inch pieces with V-cut ends. Layer three together, glue, and top with a small dusted ornament.

Frosted Flakes

If your ideal holiday looks like the interior of a snow globe, this one's for you.

1 THE BIG IDEA
Guarantee a white Christmas with a snowy makeover, including simple plastic ornaments.

2 THE BASE
Flock a wreath (we used blue spruce)

by spraying it with water, sprinkling on flocking powder (\$25 for a 2-lb. bag on Amazon), and spritzing again to set. Let dry, then coat it in strong-hold hair spray. Like a '60s beehive, that snow won't budge.

3 3-D SNOWFLAKES
Divide flat plastic snowflakes into two equal groups. Cut one group into halves and hot-glue a half to the front and back of each whole snowflake. Coat snowflakes in spray

adhesive and sprinkle with glass glitter.

4 SNOWBALLS
Brush foam balls and mini shatterproof ball ornaments of different sizes with glue or acrylic sealer; dip in glitter, flocking powder, or faux snow (\$5 a bag at Michaels).

5 DIY HANGERS
Cut wooden skewers into 3-inch pieces and hot-glue to backs of balls as picks. Attach florists wire to snowflakes and insert in wreath.



Southern Shimmer

Dress up magnolia leaves, pinecones, and nuts in gilded holiday finery.

1 THE BIG IDEA

Green, gold, and gorgeous, this wreath looks slightly formal but comes together quickly.

2 GATHER

You'll need an evergreen wreath (cut a few sprigs from it), a can of gold spray paint, some pinecones, walnuts, acorns, and magnolia leaves (real, faux, or go for both—we did).

3 BUNDLE

Create little groups of golden bouquets: Start with one to three magnolia leaves and use florists wire to attach pinecones and nuts to the stems.

4 ARRANGE

Tuck in painted evergreen sprigs and attach the clusters to the bottom of the wreath with florists wire and hot glue, covering about half the wreath. There is such a thing as too much gold, so on the top half of the wreath, let the greenery take center stage, placing pinecones and nuts in small groupings here and there.

5 MAKE A BOW

Glue together three loops of satin ribbon (small, medium, large), placed one on top of the other. Cinch the bundle with florists wire, cover the wire with ribbon, and hot-glue onto the bottom of the wreath.



Make It Stick

Hot-glue a wooden skewer in each cluster to make it easier to attach to the wreath.

Spray Station

Place pinecones, nuts, leaves, and sprigs of pine in a disposable roasting pan and shake it with one hand while spray-painting with the other.



Rejoice, Reuse

If you're using
a live wreath, snip off
the cardinals,
nests, and branches
and save them for
next year.



Coastal Charm

Covered in gifts from the sea, this wreath sets a serene scene for any who come ashore.

1 THE BIG IDEA

Subtly decorated on top and more lushly covered on the bottom, this is what a wreath might look like if the tide washed over it, leaving treasures behind.

2 GO BLUE

A blue spruce wreath carries the ocean color scheme.

3 GATHER

Think low-tide treasures with driftwood (it's really grapewood branch purchased on Amazon); tiny round matte ornaments that look like pearls; and seashells, sand dollars, and starfish covered in green and blue glitter. *Pro tip:* Regular glue won't cut it. Brush strong, tacky craft glue onto items, then shake sparkles on top.

4 ATTACH

Hot-glue a wooden skewer onto the back of the pieces to help hold items in place.

5 ARRANGE

Glue driftwood around the bottom half to two-thirds of the wreath. Add each shell, sticking the skewer into the wreath and attaching with florists wire (hot glue helps too). Attach large shells at the bottom, getting smaller and sparser toward the top. Finish by wiring on clusters of pearl ornaments. ■

Watery Colors

The aqua hues of sea glass inspired the sky-and-surf palette of this wreath.



Year-Round Accents

After the holidays, snip off items and place them artfully in a glass bowl or hurricane vase as a centerpiece.

