

## DIY ADVENT WREATHES

### Playdough Wreath

#### Materials needed:

- Green playdough
- 1 white votive
- 3 purple or blue birthday candles
- 1 pink birthday candle

This is perfect for young children to make all by themselves. Adults are needed for lighting the candles.

Children roll the playdough into a ball and push the white votive into the ball until it is flat on the surface. Place it on a small plate.

Stick the four candles into the wreath and decorate with holly, berries or gems.



Based on the [\\$0.99 Advent Wreath](#) from Building Faith.



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### Glowing Paper Wreath

#### Materials needed:

- Cardboard tubes
- Paint and brush
- Scissors
- Four small LED tea lights
- Yellow construction paper or foam
- Glue
- One white taper candle in a holder

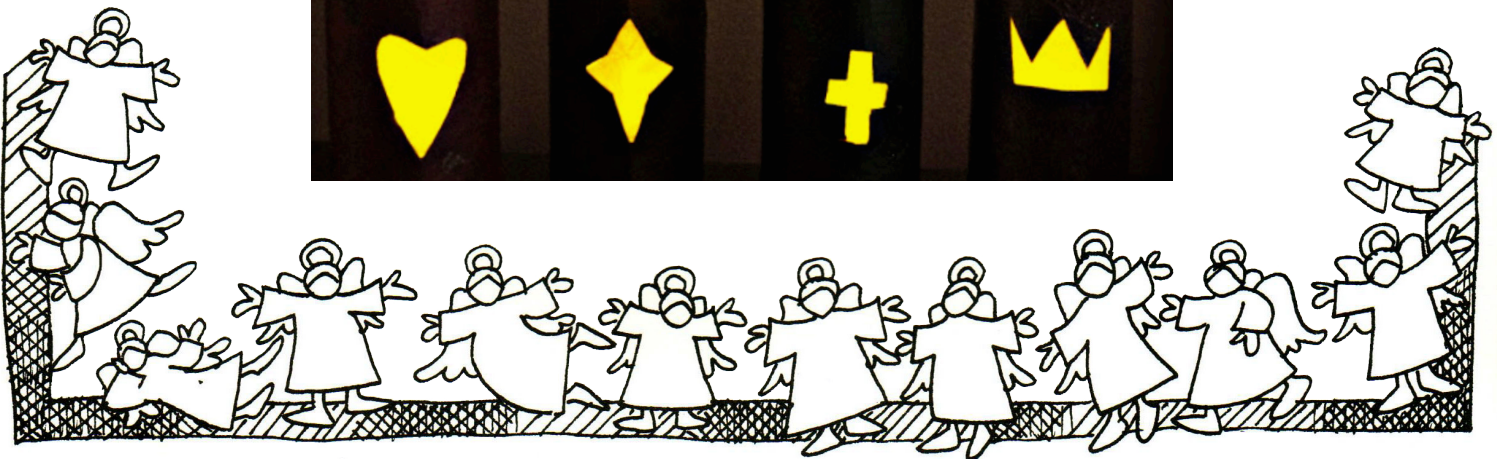
This is a fireless wreath for an older child to design and make their own.

Paint the outside of the tubes. Let dry. Paint the inside of the tubes. Let dry.

To make the cut-out shapes in the candles, gently fold the tube in half & cut out half the desired shape.

Cut flame shapes out of the yellow paper or foam and glue to the inside of the candles. Insert a tea light inside each candle.

On Christmas day, add the white taper in the center of the ring of candles. View more photos on [Sunhatsandwellieboots.com](http://Sunhatsandwellieboots.com)



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### Glass and Sand Wreath

**Materials needed (All materials are easily found online or at a craft store):**

- 1 flat-bottomed glass (or ceramic) bowl, approx. 8-12" diameter and 2-4" deep
- 4 or 5\* flat-bottomed glass votive holders (make sure they all fit in the bowl)
- 1 short glass taper or pillar candle holder (optional)\*
- blue/purple, pink/red, and white/gray craft sand
- All materials are easily found online or at a craft store.

This is a beautiful and safe option for an Advent Wreath. The total cost of materials is less than \$50 for the first time, and it is reusable year after year.

\*You can use 5 votives if they fit in the bowl, or, as shown, place a candle holder with a taller taper or pillar for the Christ Candle, to be lit on Christmas Day. This is a great option for families, because if a candle tips over the sand reduces fire danger. You also have a variety of options for candle heights, from small tea lights to votives to tapers. It can be difficult to find blue, purple or pink candles, especially if you want them unscented; the craft sand in this wreath takes care of that and allows you to use easy-to-find white candles.

Fill the bowl with 1.5-3" white or gray sand. Place the votive holders in a circle inside the bowl; fill 3 of them with blue or purple sand, and one with pink or rose sand (made by mixing red with white or white or gray sand). Fill 2/3 of the way to the top. Place candles in the votive holders. Place the candle holder you've chosen in the middle; if it's a votive, fill it with white sand. (Optional, not shown) Cut and place small sprigs of holly or evergreens in and around the bowl, taking care to keep them well away from candle wicks.

