

DIY ADVENT WREATHS

Playdough Wreath

Perfect for young children with adult assistance.

Materials needed:

1 cup flour

½ cup salt

1 teaspoon oil

½ cup water

Food coloring

Birthday candles - 3 purple or blue / 1 pink / 1 white

To make your dough combine flour, salt, and water in a mixing bowl. Remove two small bits of the dough and set them aside in smaller bowls. Add a few drops of green food coloring to the main dough and knead until color is thoroughly dispersed.

Repeat with red and yellow coloring.

Create a ring using the green dough.

Use yellow to create a ball in the center. And red to make tiny berries to use as decorations. Place four candles around the “wreath” and another in the center.

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Glowing Paper Wreath

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

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

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.
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Love

Joy

Hope

Peace



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Glass and Sand Wreath

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.

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
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*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.

