

Clear Plastic Bag Wreath

Make this fun and free decoration!

You will need:

A length of old electrical cable or thick wire or similar that can be looped round a few times to make the central hoop.

Clear plastic bags (I used clothes delivery bags but clear bread bags or similar will work.)

A short string of U.S.B. or rechargeable battery operated L.E.D. lights (I used a 1.2m string).

A pair of sharp scissors

A piece of seasonal ribbon to hang the wreath

Sticky tape

Instructions:

Bend the cable/wire into a loop and twist around itself to make a hoop with a diameter of 20cm. Stick some tape over the ends to keep in place .

Cut the plastic bags into 4x20 cm strips. I used quite a lot of them to tie all the way around the hoop!

Carefully wind the light string around, spreading out along the hoop, leaving the USB/battery holder hanging at one end. Tie a length of ribbon around the hoop at the battery end, to make a hanging loop (photo 3).

Starting at the battery end, tie each plastic strip around the hoop with a single knot to make a bow shape. make sure the knot is the same way up each time. Place each bow next to the previous one, filling up the hoop as you go (photo 4).

When complete, smooth the outer circle and ruffle the inner circle of strips to create some more texture. Just check for bits sticking out or uneven bows and tidy if necessary (photo 5).

Ensure your battery is charged before sticking the holder to the back of the hoop with some sticky tape. Hang on a door, wall or in a window and turn on the lights!



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