

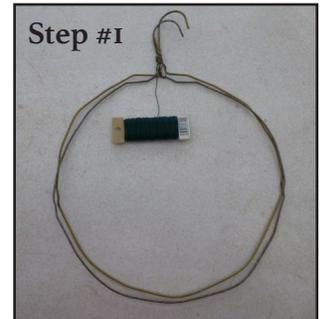
Evergreen Wreath

Materials:

- 2 similar-sized metal coat hangers, formed into circles (avoid flimsy white ones).
- 1 paddle of No. 22 continuous wire (available at Michaels).
- Pruning shears, needle nose pliers, and wire cutters.
- Assorted evergreens, 3-4 varieties, cut into 3-5" pieces. For example:
 - Fir (use common variety with needles radiating from the stem to add nice bulk).
 - Cedar and/or Grand fir (flat and shiny).
 - Boxwood, Juniper, or something fluffy for fill and texture (don't ruin your hands trying to use holly at this point).
- Bow of your choice, plus cones, holly, snowberries, rose hips, or other colorful natural items for decoration.

Directions:

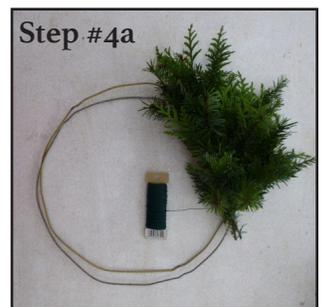
Step #1 Attach end of paddle wire around hanger hooks (2 or 3 wraps, cinching each one tightly) ending with wire coming from the under-side of both hangers AND paddle.



Step #2 Form a small bundle of your greens, no larger than your hand (3 or 4 stems, stripped of greens at the bottom).



Step #3 Place 1st bundle on the hangers at the hook area, then holding stems and hangers, wrap paddle wire around stems and underneath the hangers, cinch tight and wrap again.



Steps #4a & b Continue wiring on bundles of greens, over lapping them in a slightly in/out pattern. Control the thickness of your circle with the

size of your bundles, keeping an empty hole in the middle of the wreath.

Step #5 When the circle is completed, wrap paddle wire a couple of times around the hooks. Cut off wire and bury the sharp end in the greens so it won't scratch anything.



Step #6

Wire a bow, holly, cones, and any other decorative materials to any part of the wreath, especially where you see a "gap" that needs filling! Hang wreath using the hooks of the hangers.

