



Handicraft Lesson

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For our handicraft lesson, we will be creating a simple Advent wreath that all ages can enjoy — from your younger children to teens who can add embellishments as they desire.

This would be a great decor piece to forage on a nature walk. Look for beautiful, natural evergreens — fir, spruce, cedar, pine needles, pinecones, ivy, holly leaves and berries, etc. Or simply purchase a few artificial evergreen sprigs from your local craft store.

Either way, this simple piece will bring beauty, hope, and anticipation to your Advent season!

"I've filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him skill and know-how and expertise in every kind of craft to create designs ... he's an all-around craftsman."

~ Exodus 31:3-5

Simple Advent Wreath

Advent begins on the 4th Sunday before Christmas. Sometimes Advent season begins in November on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

On each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, you will light an Advent candle.

Start with one candle on the first Sunday. Light two candles on the second Sunday. And so on.

Along with the candle lighting, you'll want to incorporate a simple devotional reading or a Scripture passage, or both. Many are provided within this morning time session

Supplies

- Pie or tart dish (or shallow cookie tin)
- 4 candle holders
- 4 candles (I chose ivory, but feel free to use pink and purple or the colors of your choice)
- Evergreen sprigs (natural or artificial)
- Other foraged items such as pine cones, holly leaves, holly berries, ivy, etc.



Directions

1. Gather some evergreen branches, leaves, berries, and pinecones from your backyard, neighborhood, or nearby woods (or purchase a few artificial sprigs to use each year).
2. For foraged greens, snip them into short segments that would lay nicely in a curved formation. Some greens are more pliable than others, so you may need to play around with the best way to use each type of greenery.
3. For artificial greens, simply fluff out each section and bend the wire so they will curve around the candle sticks.
4. Place the candle holders inside your dish.
5. Add the candlesticks to the holders.
6. Position your greens around the holders to form a wreath.
7. Add in pinecone, berries, leaves, etc. as accents.



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