

## Paper Wreath Craft

Bringing evergreen branches into your home during the wintertime became a tradition in Eastern and Northern Europe by the 1500s. It is believed that wreaths date back to the Persian Empire, Ancient Egypt, and Ancient Greece. But those wreaths were usually worn on a person's head as a symbol of power. Wreaths are also connected to the history of Christianity as the circle is a symbol of "eternal life" and the thorny holly leaves of traditional Christmas wreaths are a symbol of the crown of thorns worn by Jesus Christ. Historically, pagans hung wreaths in their homes as a symbol of nature and to celebrate the winter solstice.

Follow the steps below to make a paper wreath at home!

You will need:

1. Green and red paper
2. Scissors
3. Glue

Step 1:

Cut a large circle out of a piece of green or white paper, then cut a smaller circle in the centre of the large paper circle so it looks like a donut.

Step 2:

Cut holly leaf shapes out of your green paper, these will be the leaves for your wreath! Tip: holly leaf shaped templates can be found online.

Step 3:

Cut small circles out of a piece of red paper, these will be your wreath berries!

Step 4:

Glue the leaves all along your large paper donut so they overlap and look like leaves on your wreath.



Step 5:

Glue the small red circles (you paper berries) along the wreath! Your finished wreath should look similar to the wreaths below:

