Evergreen Door Swag

GOAL

Decorate your home using native greens! Learn to identify various Rhode Island evergreens and use your knowledge to create your own holiday door swag. Decorating with native greens is a sustainable way to celebrate and support local agriculture.

PREPARE

Gather your materials and find a clean workspace. You may find it useful to become familiar with these common Rhode Island evergreens:

- Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)
- Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
- White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)
- Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*)
- Boxwood (*Buxus ssp.*)
- American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
- Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)
- American Yew (*Taxus canadensis*)
**MATERIALS**

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**STEPS**

1. Arrange boughs of flat evergreens (like cedar or hemlock) in a large teardrop shape. Make sure the longest boughs are on the bottom (against the table).

2. Add a layer of fuller evergreens (like boxwood) over the first layer. Add a decorative third layer of laurel or holly to finish off your design.

3. Tie the stems of the branches together with twine and tie a loop at the end of the swag so that it can be hung on a door.

4. Attach a bow at the top of the swag to hide the stems and twine. Use a hot glue gun or more twine to attach pinecones, berries, or other ornaments to your liking!