

# 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*)



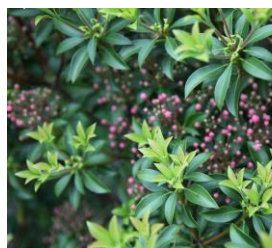
Norway Spruce  
(*Picea abies*)



Boxwood  
(*Buxus ssp.*)



American Holly  
(*Ilex opaca*)



Mountain Laurel  
(*Kalmia latifolia*)



American Yew  
(*Taxus canadensis*)



## MATERIALS

Evergreen Boughs	Berries and Pinecones	Bells, Ornaments, or other Decorations	Ribbon	Twine
				

## 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!

