

— Wreath Making —

GOAL

To gain an understanding of how RI tree farms recycle the clipping from cut trees into beautiful wreaths. These wreaths are an additional agricultural product that farms can sell. This lesson will teach you how to make a wreath.

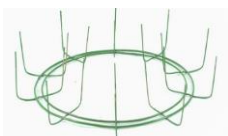
PREPARE

Gather your Materials and clear a 4ft space to work. Cover the space with newspaper or plastic. Pine sap is sticky we have found rubbing alcohol does the best at removing it from surfaces.

A few things to know before you start. Greens should only be cut on one end! It should be the end towards the trunk of the tree. Not the branch tip. Think about it. Water travels up the truck and out to the end of the branch. If you clip both ends it will dry out faster. Also, greens have a top side and a bottom side. In many cases the top side will be greener and shinier than the bottom side. So, try to put the top sides up when arranging.

MATERIALS

10" Soft touch rings
(www.kelcomaine.com)



Fresh Cut
Greens (Fir,
Spruce, Pine)



Gloves



Clippers
or
Scissors



Decorations



STEPS

1

Cut a bunch of greens about 1 ft long. Roughly as long as your elbow to your fingertips. Gather about 3-6 of these pieces in a fan shape. Tall piece in the center, flanked by 2 other pieces.



2

Lay the fan of greens on the ring. It should only be in 1 ring and should stick out of the ring. Bend over the prongs of that ring tightly to secure.



3

Continue making fans and bending down until you are all the way around and you have 1 prong left.



4

When you get to the last prong, you have to tuck the cut side of your next fan, under the greens that you first laid down and bend the last prong down. If done correctly you should see no wires!



5

Now you can add pinecones, ribbons and decorate. If these wreaths are kept outside, they can last months!

