

How to Make an Herb Wreath

Project Difficulty



Living wreaths are easy to make when using Mosser Lee's Long-Fibered Sphagnum Moss Wreath frames. Mosser Lee wreaths are ready to plant, are not messy and don't require soil.

Products You'll Need



Living Wreath

Supplies You'll Need

- Mosser Lee Living Wreath Frame (available in diameter sizes of 12", 16", 20")
- Plastic saucer to fit the wreath
- Shallow bucket to fit the wreath size
- Tap water
- Water-soluble fertilizer
- Dibble or long pencil
- Fern pins or hair pins
- Your choice of plant seedlings
- Newspaper

When you think of wreaths, your first thoughts may be a pine Christmas wreath or a straw wreath hanging on a door. A living wreath combines the decorative beauty of traditional holiday wreaths with live plants, usually succulents or herbs. Live wreaths can be used as table centerpieces, door hangings or even as a fresh herb garden.

Directions to make a Herb Wreath:

Step 1: Choose the size Living Wreath form that best fits your needs.



Step 2: Wearing gloves submerge the entire wreath in a shallow bucket of diluted solution of water-soluble houseplant fertilizer and water. Gently squeeze the water solution into the wreath until it is completely saturated. Allow the excess water to drip off the wreath before proceeding.

Step 3: Place your moss wreath on a thick layer of newspaper on a work surface to catch any remaining excess water, wire frame down.



Step 4: 4. Make a hole for each plant by pushing a dibble or sharpened pencil into the wreath, spreading the netting and the moss. You may need to cut a small part of the netting to create a larger hole. The hole should be angled to the middle of the wreath and deep enough so that the root tops are just below the surface of the wreath. You can use the entire outer surface of the wreath to position your plants. Hint: Where you position the plants will depend upon whether you intend to hang the wreath or place on a table in the saucer. Place individual plants in each hole and

squeeze the hole closed to anchor the plants. You may need to use fern pins or hairpins to anchor the plants into the wreath. Another Hint: Gently washing the dirt off the roots before inserting in the wreath will make planting easier.

Step 5: When the wreath is completely planted, place it in a shallow saucer or pan. Sphagnum Moss provides no nutritional value to the plants, so you will have to add fertilized watering at least monthly. Use a water-soluble fertilizer such as Peters or Schultz. You may need to water more often depending on the humidity in your room. Your herbs will also benefit from weekly misting.

Step 6: Place the planted wreath on the saucer in an area where the plants will get good sunlight. You may need to prune some of the plants as they will grow at different rates. Of course, remember to harvest your fresh herbs to add to your favorite foods.

What herbs to use for your Living Wreath?

Select small plants with short root systems, especially creeping varieties as they will help to cover the wreath making a more beautiful setting. Mint, Oregano, Rosemary, Thyme and Germanders grow well in this type of environment and can provide a good selection of herb varieties for your live herb wreath.

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