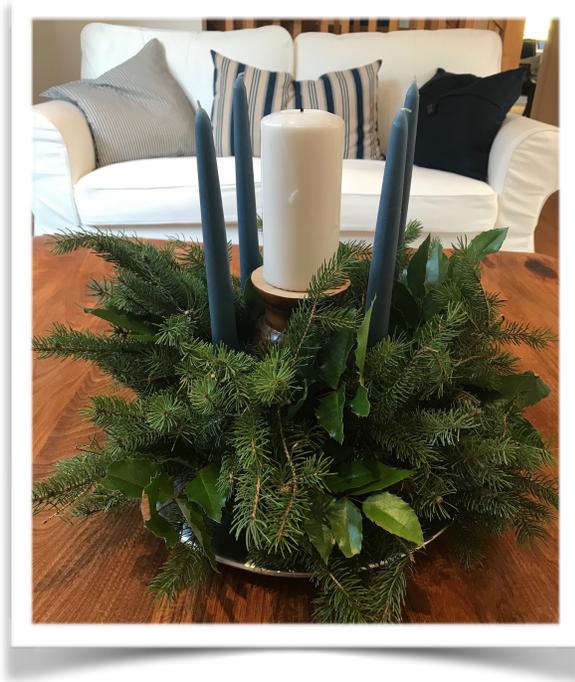


How to Make an Advent Wreath



To make Advent one wreath you will need the following:

- a 10" X 2" clear vinyl plastic liner and a 6" X 2" clear plastic liner used for floral basket arrangements (available from a florist, garden centre, or Home Depot gardening department)
- 1 block 3" X 4" X 9" wet (dark green) oasis, cut into six pieces (3" X 2" X 3") (available from Michael's or any other craft or floral store)
- florist's tape for wet oasis (available at Michael's or any other craft or floral store)
- 4 taper candles (either purple or blue; or 3 of either colour plus 1 pink taper)
- 1 chubby white candle
- fresh evergreens
- pruning shears
- scissors
- advent devotional booklet

1. Hot glue the bottom of the smaller plastic dish inside the bottom centre of the larger plastic dish, creating an inner dish with an outer ring (moat) surrounding the inner dish (it will look like a chip-dip bowl).
2. Soak 4 cut of the 6 pieces of the wet oasis in water until they are saturated (The two extra blocks can be used by another family for their advent wreath). Take the oasis blocks out of the water and wedge each piece of oasis within the outer ring (moat) portion of the plastic dish. Set the oasis into the dish on with the small side flat on the base and the longer side of the oasis standing up above the upper edge of the plastic dish. The oasis should be wedged tightly at the 12, 6, 3 and 9 o'clock positions in the outer ring.
3. Firmly push one coloured advent candle into the center top of each of the four oasis blocks. Using 8 - 10 inch lengths of florist's tape, tape the blocks to the plastic dish, securing the block on either side of the candle from the outside of the plastic larger dish to the inside of the smaller plastic dish. No one will see the tape so feel free to secure the blocks well.
4. Snip the greens into 4 - 6 inch lengths. Push the cut ends of the greens into the oasis filling out your wreath until you can no longer see the dish or the oasis.
5. Place your chubby white candle in the centre of the dish and place the dish on a dinner or serving plate for greater stability.
6. Water the outer ring (moat) of your advent wreath regularly throughout Advent. With regular watering it will stay fresh and green throughout the season.