

How to Make a Living Wreath

SUPPLIES

Cactus/succulent potting mix
Topiary wire ring
Pair of pantyhose (optional)
Small bag of Spanish moss
Plenty of plant material
Scissors/pruners

PROCESS

Fill one leg of pantyhose with potting mix and tie a knot at the end.
Insert into wire ring.
Tuck Spanish moss around outside of ring.
Cut small holes in pantyhose and insert plants.
Water well and let roots get established before hanging.

I personally made two of these wreaths and found that if I used Spanish moss tucked into the ring and then laid potting mix over it, it was easy to tuck plants in. I thought the pantyhose would be necessary to hold the soil in place, but it looked as though the wreath that didn't have the soil-filled pantyhose was holding together just fine. As the plants grow, they fill in any missed areas that weren't planted and cover any exposed wire. It takes about a month for the plants to root enough to hang the wreath. Until then, it will serve nicely as a centerpiece.

Plant materials that work well for this project are usually succulents.

Just as a side note, I priced the purchase of a pre-made living wreath from several websites. For a 15" to 18" wreath, the cost ran between \$165 and \$250. OUCH! This project is a bit time consuming, but a labor of love, and whoever receives your gift, will cherish it.

The most important part of this project is to HAVE FUN!

DJ Miles

Resources

[Topiary Art Works](#). This business carries many different sizes of wreath rings as well as other shapes (heart, square) that are designed specifically for this type of project.