

How to Make A Living Wreath

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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.

I suggest checking out [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. They also provide a link to Daniel's Specialty Nursery, which supplies plant material for wreath planting.

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!