

Glittery Silver Wreath

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This wreath can be made using any metallics — silver, gold, copper, or any color. "Gem" beads are flat on one side and are available in all sorts of shapes, sizes, and colors. Any combination will make a pretty, sparkling wreath. Embellish with ribbon bows, decorative birds, or stems of leaves and berries.

You will need:

12" straw wreath

9-ft spool of 1-1/2"-wide metallic wired ribbon

silver star gem beads

silver sprigs with leaves and berries

a decorative white bird ornament

wire cutters

hot glue gun and glue

Basic directions:

Starting at the top of the wreath, glue one end of the ribbon to the back side. Then wrap the ribbon around the entire wreath as shown ending at the same point as you started. Trim the ribbon, pull it snug, and glue securely to the back side.

Tie a bow with the remaining length of ribbon and crimp the ends. Glue to the wreath at the inside bottom curve. If the ornaments are on a stem, cut it, leaving 2 or 3 inches to insert into the straw wreath. Glue all the pieces into place as you like them. Glue the gem beads to the ribbon on the front of the wreath. Attach a wire hanger in the center back or hang on a wreath hanger.

