

Potpourri Wreath

This particular fall wreath is a combination of two ideas. First, by keeping the wreath neutral in color, it automatically says “fall” and will work with any décor. The second idea is that I’ve never really considered creating a wreath with an aroma and I felt the time had come! The aroma comes from the “fresh linen” scented potpourri that creates the texture around the center and does it smell great! So good in fact that this wreath is staying indoors! Why don’t you give it a try for your fall décor?



Materials List:

- Twig wreath
- Bags of chunky potpourri
- Pheasant feathers
- Additional small feathers
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Florist’s wire
- Wire cutter

1 The first step in your wreath creation is to determine what is up and what is down. I found that my twig wreath had some very heavy wires holding it together, so I made sure that the one that was showing the most was on the bottom where the bow would hide it.



The pheasant feathers are the largest item on the wreath aside from the bow, so place them exactly where you want them and either hot glue or wire them into the twig wreath. I did both!



2 Bring out the first bag of potpourri, (I bought three bags and returned one) and pour it into a large bowl. Sort through the different pieces and play with their placement on the wreath. Once you have a feel for how each item will lay and how they can be used together, begin attaching them to the wreath with hot glue. I did wire a few things that made sense.

3 Once you have all of the potpourri attached to the wreath, or during the process, pull out some of the smaller feathers and insert them in the mix every so often. Use a little hot glue to keep them in place.





4 I did add a couple of the tiniest feathers on the tips of some of the longer twigs....just to extend the fun!

Ribbons and Bows

The last addition is the bow at the bottom which I wired in place along with the ribbon at the top to hang your wreath. Just feed a long piece of ribbon through some of the backing material of the twig wreath and double it up for more support. The ends of the ribbon can be tacked into the top edge of the door and now everyone can enjoy your efforts more than just visually.... even by it's inviting aroma!

Reality Check!

OK, that's the way the project actually went, but here are some of the behind-the-scenes issues. Instead of potpourri, I really wanted to use Brazil nuts alone. (But either Florida doesn't have Brazil nuts, or they aren't in season in September.) Their beautiful brown hue against a gorgeous 2" brown satin ribbon bow, (another item I couldn't find anywhere) would be fabulous. The pheasant feathers aren't as long as I would have liked and since making the wreath, I've discovered that a local florist has the really long pretty ones. So, once again, just like you, I had to compromise on my original design. But in the end something even better came out of it....scented seasonal wreaths! Enjoy.

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