

Living Wreath

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Floral designer Ardith Beveridge shows how to make a wreath that incorporates live plants.

- Materials needed include a wreath ring, sheet moss, soil, plants and monofilament fishing line.
- Use a light soil with lots of perlite. Water lightly before using.
- Buy a wreath ring at a garden store, or recycle one from an old holiday wreath **(figure A)**. Use a fairly small ring.
- Lay a circle of sheet moss down, with a hole in the center so that the moss looks like a big doughnut. Place the moss with the green side down, and put the wreath ring on top of the moss.
- Tie an end of fishing line onto the wreath ring and wrap that around the moss **(figure B)**. Leave the plants in their pots, and arrange them around the wreath to determine how many will be needed **(figure C)**. Create a pleasing pattern.
- Water a plant lightly, then remove from its pot, leaving the soil intact. Set the plant on the wreath and add a little more soil around the base. Fold the moss up around the soil and wrap fish line around the moss **(figure D)**. Repeat with the remaining plants.
- Once all of the plants have been attached to the wreath, wrap another length of fishing line around the wreath for extra support.
- To water the wreath, set it in a plastic tray and let it drain **(figure E)**. If hanging outside, the wreath can simply be sprayed lightly with a hose.

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Plants such as ivy, philodendron and even small cherry tomato plants grow nicely in a living wreath.



Figure A



Figure B



Figure C



Figure D



Figure E