

Making and Advent Wreath

Shape evergreens around any circular object about 12 inches in diameter. A circle cut from plywood or Styrofoam, heavy wire bent in a circle or a large round plate may be used as a base. Place four candleholders at equal distances around the circle, or use modeling or florist's clay to secure the candles to the form. The fifth candle, representing Christ, should be set in the center. Pre-made circular forms and holders are available in some religious supply houses. Some church groups also sell ready-made Advent wreaths as a fund-raising activity.

Decorate the circular form with evergreens. The greens may be bound to the form or to each other with a loop of wire or thread. Greens may also be sprayed with a fire-retardant substance to reduce fire danger. Add candles and a bow or other simple decorations.

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