



Roundup

DIY Wreaths

Roll up your flannel sleeves, grab the hot-glue gun, and recite these three words: "I've got this."

..... RETRO CANDY

Gather an assortment of old-fashioned candies (candywarehouse.com) in autumnal shades such as yellow, orange, and magenta. Wrap a 14-inch foam wreath form in white ribbon.

Attach candy with hot-glue, layering and overlapping as you go. Finish with a yellow burlap bow.

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TWINE SPIDERWEB

Tie six pieces of white string across a 14-inch foam wreath form, making sure to loop each one at the midway point of the first piece attached to create a central point. (This is the base of the web and should have 12 “spokes.”) Tie a long piece of string to the center point; weave and loop from the center out to create the web. If you run out of string, tie another piece to the end and continue weaving. When you reach the wreath form, tie off at your ending point. Move the twine up and down to create uneven gaps in the web. Wrap the wreath form with white burlap ribbon and attach faux spiders with hot-glue. Loop a piece of white burlap ribbon around the form to hang.



BOOK LEAVES

Draw a 3-inch-wide maple leaf shape on a piece of cardboard and cut out to create a stencil. Trace on original pages (or, if preferred, photocopied pages) of a vintage book—consider a fall-themed title or mystery novel—and cut out approximately 100 leaves with decorative scissors that have a “torn paper” edge (michaels.com). Attach book page leaves to maple leaves with hot-glue. Attach layered leaves to a 16-inch wreath form with hot-glue, layering and overlapping them as you go. Hang with burlap ribbon.



PAINTED-TIP PINE CONES

Wrap a 16-inch wreath form with burlap ribbon and loop a piece around the wreath form for hanging. Paint the tips of 40 pine cones in fall colors such as orange, yellow, and beige with acrylic paint. Brush the tips of 10 pine cones with matte Mod Podge and sprinkle with gold and copper glitter. Once dry, wrap an 18-inch length of floral wire around the base of each pinecone and twist tie around the wreath form to secure, layering and overlapping them as you go.

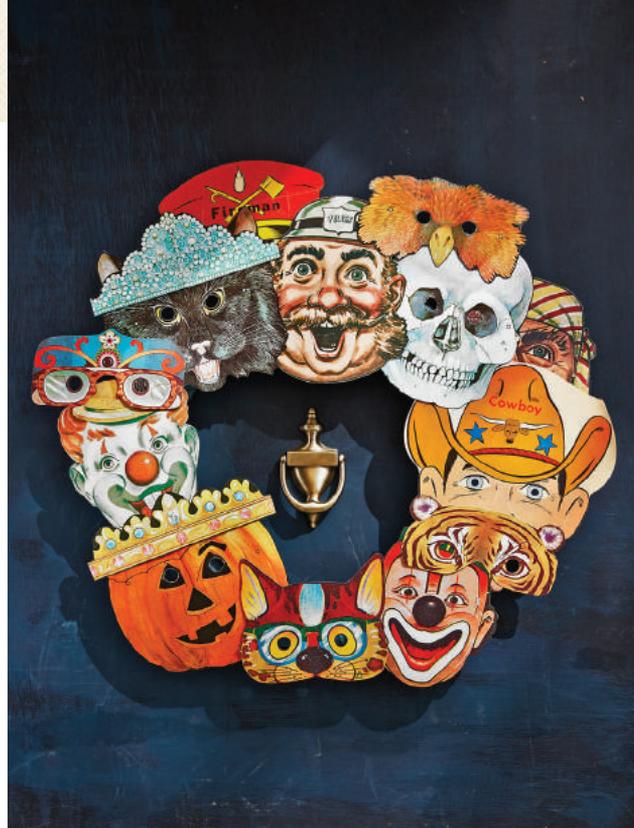


Can't get enough? This wreath is now a 16- by 20-inch puzzle. (\$25; easy123art.com/countryliving)



CORN HUSK

Detach husks from one side of 20 medium-size Indian corn (drieddecor.com). Hot-glue the undersides of the corn to their husks. Lay out the corn in a circle with the tops pointing out, alternating colors. Hot-glue the corn to an 18-inch craft ring, and fill in any sparse areas with extra husks.



VINTAGE MASKS

Source colorful vintage paper masks from websites like Etsy and eBay—you will need 10 to 15 total. Attach to an 18-inch craft ring with a dab of hot-glue, layering and overlapping them as you go.



GROSGRAIN

Cut 150 6-inch-long strips of 2-inch-wide black grosgrain ribbon. Fold the strips in half and attach them to a 16-inch foam wreath form with straight pins, layering them on top of each other to create a ruffle effect. Cut out a silhouette of a witch from black kraft paper. Attach it to the center of a 16-inch round clear piece of acrylic (amazon.com) with double-sided tape. Hot-glue the edges of the acrylic round to the back of the wreath form. Finish with a bow with long tails.