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CHRISTMAS YOYO WREATH

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PROJECT SHEET



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Scissors
- Iron
- Tape measure/ruler
- Hand needle
- Washable fabric pencil/marker
- 0.3m of Christmas print fabric in 4 prints (yoyos)
- 0.2m of Christmas print fabric/plain colour fabric (under fabric- to wrap wreath)
- Decofoam Wreath 350mm
- Dressmaking Pins
- Gutermann Cotton Sewing thread
- Optional: PVA Glue, ribbon for hanger
- Christmas Wired Edge 3m spool

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1 - From the under Christmas print fabric, cut two strips, 8cm wide by the total width of the fabric. Trim off selvedge edges. Press fabric strips.

Step 2 - Starting from the back of the foam wreath, with the fabric right way up, pin one end of a fabric strips to foam wreath on a slight angle. To fully secure fabric, ensure that the pins are pushed in on an angle in opposite directions to anchor in place.

Step 3 - Continue to wrap the fabric strip around the wreath tightly with the side edges of the fabric slightly overlapping. When fabric strip runs out, secure end as per the beginning of the strip and continue with another strip until the foam wreath is completely covered. Secure end of strip as per before.

Optional - The ends of pins can be dipped in water based PVA glue before insert into wreath to further secure fabric. Do not use a glue that is not water based, as it will melt the foam wreath.

Step 4 - From each of the 4 Christmas print fabrics, cut:

- 2x 15cm circles
- 4x 13cm circles
- 5x 10cm circles
- 4x 9cm circles

Step 5 - How to make fabric Yoyos:

- Press fabric circles to remove any creases.
- Thread a hand needle with thread. Knot thread at the end.
- With the wrong side of the fabric circle facing you, fold over the top edge towards you by about 5mm. Sew a small stitch, into the folded over edge close to the top fold, pulling the thread back through tightly to secure knot.
- Continue to sew a long running stitch (approx. 1cm in length) around the fabric circle, folding over the edge as you go.

Tip - the longer the running stitch, the less gathers in the yoyo resulting in a smaller centre hole. Shorter running stitches create more gathers which result in a larger centre hole.

- Once you are back to the initial small stitch, take your last running stitch with the thread coming back out to where that small stitch ended- not the knot side.
- Pull the thread gently but tightly to gather up fabric to create the yoyo shape ensuring the gathers and the opening is in the centre of the shape.
- To secure the ends of the thread, insert needle and thread through a couple of the gathers, ensuring the thread is hidden and then tie thread in a secure knot.
- Repeat method to make up the rest of yoyos from cut fabric circles.

Step 6 - Lay fabric covered wreath, right side up on a flat surface. Arrange fabric yoyos on top of wreath, layering the different sizes as per desired layout.

Step 7 - Once happy with layout, beginning with the underneath yoyos, pin yoyos one at a time to foam wreath with pins at different & opposite angles to secure and anchor to wreath.

Optional - As per suggested before, the ends of pins can be dipped in water based PVA glue before insert into wreath to further secure fabric. Do not use a glue that is not water based, as it will melt the foam wreath.

Step 8 - Create a neat bow using the wired edge ribbon and attach with pins to the top of the wreath.

Step 9 - Optional: If wreath is to hang, a ribbon or fabric strip can be attached to the top back of wreath with pins, or simply just with loop and tie around top of wreath.