

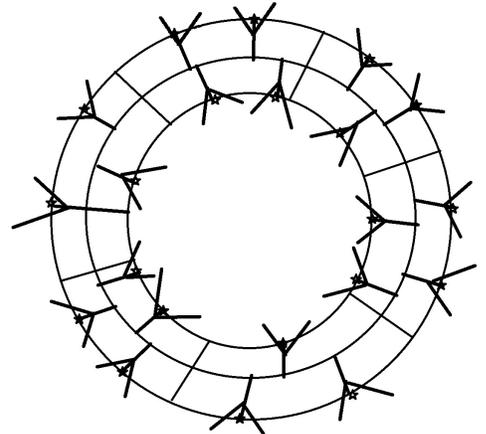
Ruffle/Ribbon Deco Mesh Wreath Directions

Materials:

1 – 16" Wire Wreath Form
21 - Chenille Stems
11.75 - Yards of Deco Mesh
42 - Feet of Ribbon
1 - Zip Tie

Tools:

Scissors
Ruler/Yard Stick
Lighter (optional)
UV Spray (optional)



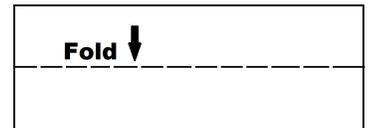
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Add Chenille Stems to Wire Wreath Form

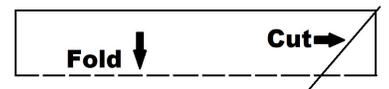
The front of the wreath form has the outside edge on the bottom to the back and the inside (smaller) edge at the top. For each stem: fold a chenille stem so one side is slightly more than an inch longer than the other side. Twist the stem tightly around either the inside wire or the outside wire once. Bring the longest side underneath the outer and middle wires and around the middle wire to meet the other side of the chenille stem not quite all the way to where you first attached it to the form – not on the edge of the form. Twist tightly 2-3 times. The chenille stem should not move on its own but you will be able to move it. Follow the pattern of attaching as shown above with two stems on the outside ring and the pattern shown on the inside ring.

Prepare Ribbons

You will need to cut 42 pieces of ribbon each 12" long (36 pieces if you will be adding a 9"-12" bow). After you cut the 12" pieces trim the ends in a "V" shape (see figure). Fold the whole ribbon in half the fold it in half again this time the length of the ribbon as shown.



About one inch from the raw edge begin cutting from the fold to the corner where the finished edge and the raw edge meet as shown.



Optional: For polyester and nylon (not natural fiber) ribbons to reduce fraying, use a lighter to singe the ribbon while it is still folded. Run the flame QUICKLY 2 to 3 times across the cut edge. Be sure to have a water source just in case. You will be able to feel the melted ridge at the end of the ribbon when you are finished. Place your ribbons in like stacks. Look at your colors and designs and decide what ribbons you want next to each other. Take one ribbon from each pile one at a time to create a stack with ribbons in a repetitive pattern. When it is time to place the ribbons on the wreath just take the top two each time and you will have fewer like ribbons together. The more ribbon colors/patterns you use the better.

Prepare Mesh

Measure 20" on your cutting surface and mark with masking tape. Cut one roll and 60" of additional mesh into 20" pieces. Using scissors or a rotary cutter and mat: cut with the weave of the mesh to minimize fraying.

Add Mesh and Ribbons to the Wreath Form

With each piece of mesh: roll the end of the mesh until the raw edge is hidden in the roll, folding the mesh 2-3 times will also work. Folds will roll up when you are done. To create a ruffle hold the rolled end in both hands and uses your fingers to walk along the

ribbon to create an accordion fold. Stop when you have enough mesh to create another roll at the end of the piece similar to the one at the beginning of the piece. It will look sort of like a butterfly. Attach the ruffle to a chenille stem twisting tightly 2-3 times to secure. You can add your ribbons at this time then repeat and continue to fill each chenille stem. When you add your ribbons place two ribbons in an X (not a +) shape squeeze them together in the middle and twist the chenille stem tightly 2-3 times again. If you are adding picks, leave the tails of the chenille stems sticking up. If you are not adding picks, twist the chenille stems and fold them under the ribbons. Add mesh and ribbons to the outside row before adding to the inside row.

Adding Picks

Cut floral bunches apart if they are in a spray. Create an odd number of sprays if you will be using groups of stems. Secure by twisting or with tape. If possible use needle nose pliers to make a hook on the end of each spray (or stem if only one). Lay each spray or stem where you think it would look good on top of the wreath. When you have them where you want them poke the end of the stem between the mesh so it is showing on the back of the wreath. Loosely secure each stem or spray with the chenille stems you left sticking up. Flip the wreath over. Secure each stem or spray to the wire wreath form near it by hooking it with the hook you made and twisting around the wire or back on itself. You can use chenille stems, tape or floral wire to help you secure them as needed. Flip the wreath to the front. Tightly secure the stems/sprays with the chenille stems you left sticking up from the ribbons. Twist the chenille stems and fold them under the ribbons. Shake your wreath to be sure your picks/stems are secure.

Add a Sign

Place the sign on top of the wreath where you want it. If it has a rope hanger, tuck the hanger underneath and locate the wire that it naturally fall to for the placement you have chosen. Hold it in place and flip the wreath over. Attach the hanger with zip ties or chenille stems in at least two places. Don't pull them completely tight until you have turned it over and checked the placement. Tug the mesh and ribbons to fit under, around or on the edges of the sign as you desire.

Add the Hanger

Locate the top of your wreath. Ideally it will be on one of the uprights or cross bars on the wreath. Loop the zip tie around the bar. Zip the tie two or three clicks so there is plenty of room to hang on a hook. Trim the tail.

Fluff

Fluff your ribbon by moving the mesh where you want it. Tug each ribbon at the base of where it is secured with your thumbs on top and fingers underneath the use your fingers to push up the center of the ribbons to fluff them up. Adjust ribbon tails and mesh as needed. Snip any loose mesh strings as needed.

Mesh and ribbons, as all fabrics, are subject to fading if exposed to direct sun and weather. You can minimize this by spraying your wreath with UV fabric protector used on patio furniture if you wish.

Wreath Tutorial: <https://www.thefancycrow.com/make-your-own-easter-floral-ruffle-ribbon-wreath.htm>