

Natural Christmas Craft Teachers' Guide Evergreen Wreath





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All with help

## Link to video lesson: https://youtu.be/wZFpXjYNV\_Q

## **Resources needed**

Collecting bags

School grounds or woodland area with evergreens - fir, spruce, yew, box, leylandii, holly, ivy etc. Sprigs of rosemary, bay leaves, thyme Cones, seed cases, berries, lichen, bark Strong cardboard rings about 30 cm diameter Small balls of green/natural twine or wool PVA glue

## **Activity Description**

Collect sprigs of evergreens, cones, berries, seed cases etc around outdoor area. Cut a ring from strong cardboard and wind twine round it keeping it taut and spaced in different directions to form open lattice. Make a loop for hanging Weave in sprigs of evergreen to cover the card and form a wreath shape. Add small items with glue to finish.

## Safety considerations

- Beforehand check the area for anything that might cause harm
- Set boundaries of area to be used.
- Encourage material to be collected from a variety of trees/bushes only taking what is needed to avoid overuse.
- Take care with spikey sprigs avoid yew with poisonous berries.
- Warn children not to eat berries, avoid touching faces and wash hands afterwards.