

Trashy Halloween Wreath Instructions

Supplies Needed

- 1 Wire Coat Hanger
- 2 Large Black Trash Bags or 10 Black Shopping Bags
- Floral Wire
- Scissors
- Embellishments (flowers, pumpkins, bows etc.)
- Hot Glue Gun

Step 1

Undo your wire hanger so you can reshape it into the best round form you can. When reattaching it, make a nice looped hanger at the top.



Step 2

If you are using black trash bags, straighten them out and fold them into approximately an 8 x 8 inch square.

If you are using shopping bags, use the same method as when making shopping bag flowers (tutorial coming soon). Lay those flat and cut off the handles straight across the top and a 1/2 inch strip across the bottom. This will allow the bag to open flat, and then fold it as described above



Step 3:

Now that you have your bags folded you must cut them apart so they are individual pieces. You can try to do this all together if you have a great pair of scissors, or cut them one by one. You will soon find which method is easiest for you. For this particular project it wasn't as important for all of the edges to meet up exactly.



Step 4:

Now depending on the thickness of your material, shopping bag versus trash bag, you will take 4 - 5 individual pieces and line them up on top of one another.

Then, fan fold them in approximately 3/4 inch folds.



Step 5: Once you have a nice fold, make sure the edges are lined up fairly well and snip the corners off of each end. This allows for a better shape when you fluff the flower out on the wreath.



Step 6 Keeping the fan folded bags in a nice line wrap them around an area of the hanger. It didn't seem to matter whether I started at the top or bottom. Since the floral wire attachment allowed for the flowers to slide along the hanger

Wrap the floral wire around the bottom of the bags and the hanger to attach them, cut the extra off allowing a small amount to coil back around the hanger.



Step 7: Once your flowers are secure, fluff apart each layer until you have a nice shape. Continue doing this until you have the hanger covered. I alternated trash bag flowers with shopping bag flowers to give it a little depth.



Step 8:

Now you can add your embellishments and you are finished. I found that you have to be careful with the hot glue when adding your items to the wreath. It will melt the bags.



Have Fun! I would love to see any ideas you might have.