



*“Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. “Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field. Exodus 23:16*

## How to make a Harvest wreath

### Materials:

- Wire wreath frame
- Florist wire
- Leaves, berries, pine cones and seasonal flowers and fruits
- Brown garden twine

### Method:

Step 1) Separate the leaves and berries into small bunches. Lay in the middle of a 20cm length of florist wire. Twist the middle section around the stems, leaving the wire ends like a hair pin. Do the same with berry and flower clusters and pine cones.

Step 2) Starting with the foliage, secure the leaves to the frame with florist wire adding leaf bunches at intervals around the frame. Remember to check for gaps and spaces.

Step 3) Next add the clusters of berries, flowers and cones, spacing them at regular intervals.

Step 4) Finally add bows of garden twine around the wreath.



*“yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”*

Proverbs 6:8

## How to make a simple Autumn Wreath

### Materials:

A plain wicker wreath

PVA glue

A selection of different coloured leaves

Some garden string

### Method:

Apply PVA glue liberally over the wreath and arrange leaves on top. Loop some string around it once the glue had dried and hang it from your front door. It should last a couple of days until the leaves curl.



If you want to make a wreath that lasts longer then it is a really good idea to preserve your leaves. In order to do this first, you press your leaves for 12 hours between a book. Next spread newspaper onto your table, then cover the top side of your leaves with watered down PVA glue, then leave to dry. Your leaves should be preserved and last really well once placed on your wreath.

## How to create Autumn Art

### Materials:

- Autumn leaves and sticks and berries
- Coloured card
- PVA glue

### Method:

Go out on a lovely walk amidst the autumn leaves and find your materials! Come home and make a nice cup of tea/hot chocolate, and then stick them onto the coloured card in pictures and patterns. Hang them in your window to be admired.



*They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.'*  
Jeremiah 5:24

## How to make a simple Harvest Garland

### Materials:

- 100% cotton string or burlap twine
- A selection of autumnal decorations – such as conkers, leaves, and flowers. If you can find them, Chinese lantern flowers (Physalis Alkekengi) look a little like pumpkins and really brighten up the display.
- A bradawl, thin screwdriver or sharp scissors.

### Method:

An adult will need to make the holes through any conkers used with a sharp bradawl or thin screwdriver. But then after that it is then very easy for a child to thread the leaves, flowers and conkers onto the string or burlap twine. So this is a brilliant family activity.

- **TIP 1** – tie a knot before and after threading a conker – to prevent them from drifting too far out of place.
- **TIP 2** – make 2 small slits towards the tops of the leaves rather than in the middle – which stops the leaves from twirling too much when threaded in place.
- It is very easy to thread the leaves when moist- don't wait too long before threading collected leaves or they dry out and become brittle.



*“Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the ploughing season and harvest you must rest. “Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year.*  
Exodus 34:21-22