

# Newspaper Wreath

A unique and festive way to decorate for the holidays using recycled materials! Visit the Washington County Free Library Facebook page for a demonstration video!

## Materials

- 1 Newspaper (included)
- 1 Foam Wreath (included)
- Scissors, X-acto Knife, or Box Cutter
- Straight Edge Ruler
- Tape



## Step 1



Unfold but do not open your newspaper and place it long-ways on the cutting board. When you begin to make your cuts, this will allow you to cut multiple layers at the once, saving time. Take your ruler and cutting utensil and begin making frayed cuts approximately 5cm long and 1cm apart.

## Step 2

Once you have made frayed cuts all along the top of the newspaper, you will measure approximately 2 to 3cm from the bottom of the frays and make one long horizontal cut, removing that section from the entire newspaper. Repeat these steps down the length of the entire newspaper.



## Step 3



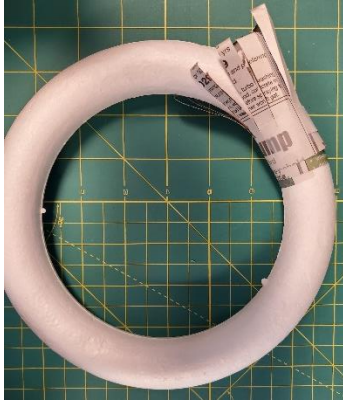
Once you have cut frayed sections from the newspaper, you will have many long sections like those pictured on the left. These are more difficult to wrap around the wreath, so I recommend cutting them in half, like shown on the right.

## Step 4



Place a small piece of tape on the section of the newspaper that has not been frayed and tape it to the wreath base horizontally so that you can begin to carefully spiral the newspaper around the wreath. Keep the spirals as close together as possible to make

your wreath look fuller. Once you have completely wrapped a section of newspaper around the wreath base, take a small piece of



tape and secure it to the base by the portion of newspaper that has not been frayed. Repeat this step all the way around the wreath base, taping each portion of newspaper where you left off with the previous. The final pieces are the most difficult because you have to work around the

first frays, so be careful to not bend or tear them.

Once your newspaper wreath is complete you can decorate it however your please! Happy Holidays!

