

Making an Advent Wreath



What is an Advent Wreath?

An Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western church. A wreath is circular, representing God's infinite love. It is usually evergreen. Set on the branches of the wreath are four candles, three purple and one pink. Sometimes a white candle is placed in the centre, to represent Christ. The coloured advent candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

The four candles symbolise, hope (week 1)- the prophecy candle; peace (week 2) - the Bethlehem candle; joy (week 3) the Shepherds candle and love (week 4) - Angel candle. In weeks one and two the candles are purple; week three is pink and week four purple. The white candle is lit on Christmas Eve.

You will need:

- ❖ Something circular -e.g. a plate, an oasis
- ❖ Wire -e.g. coat hanger
- ❖ Some greenery - real or artificial
- ❖ Candles - battery candles if necessary- 3 purple, one pink, one white
- ❖ Candle holder - a tea-set saucer (to catch the wax)

What to do:

Cut the oasis into a circular shape or use a plate. Twist the hanger into a circular shape and place on oasis/plate. Weave the greenery around the hanger. Place the candle holders inside the wreath. The white one is in the centre.



Alternative wreath- The Toilet Roll Advent Wreath

You will need - 5 empty toilet roll holders, coloured pencils, green paper/card, paper plate/plate

Step 1: Colour/cover in coloured paper in the toilet roll holders - 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white.

Step 2: Cut the green paper/card/tissue paper and place on a plate. Cut into leaf shapes if wished.

Step 3: Use blue tack/glue to place the toilet roll holders on the paper. Space out into a circular shape on the plate

Step 4: Photograph and put up on social media if wished.

Can you think of any other creative ways to make an Advent Wreath?