



YOUR FESTIVE DOOR SWAG

Well, the Druids and Celtic priests believed that evergreen foliage had magical leaves to ward off the evils of winter, the Vikings called conifers the plant of their Sun God & Christians vowed that, by hanging evergreens at home, everlasting life was both promised & that Spring would bring brightness again.

Yes, the Festive Door Swag is having a moment. This stylish and informal foliage door decoration hails from Scandinavian countries. It gives a feeling of understated elegance plus it takes half the time a wreath takes to make!

Whatever the history of evergreen door dressing, the heartiness of the branches & foliages used means that they survive harsh winter weather outside. Hanging them on your door will signify love and strength & also ensure that you have the best dressed door on your street.

THE INGREDIENTS

- Greenery Branches (use the base branches of your Christmas tree, mixes of evergreens and twigs you forage from your garden or find with fallen elements on a walk like pine, spruce, fir, lichen twigs.
- Look for Irish grown foliages/shrubs like copper beech, eucalyptus, hemlock, ozomanthus, bogmyrtle, birches & then you can add berried holly before the birds eat it..)
- Decorative elements like rosemary, dried lavender, holly look great too.
- Twine/Wire to secure the branches.
- Ribbon to cover the binding and to dress your door.

THE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover your table with newspaper first to make the cleaning up afterwards so much better. Put on some great tunes to keep you bopping as you bind!
2. Trim any unwanted parts of the boughs.
3. The idea is that you would like your swag to hang flush to your door SO ... choose the larger flatter branch as your base piece.
4. Add another layer of slightly shorter boughs with a fuller form
5. Then create the 3rd decorative layer using your pretty foliages and herbs, pine cones, ribbons , baubles & anything you like really.
6. Bind the tops of the stems tightly with wire or string.
7. Trim the ends so that the swag is even at the top.
8. Cover the binding with gorgeous ribbon trailing or in a bow depending on what you love.
9. Attach it to your door with a nail, by hanging over the door, in whichever way you can at home.
10. Now stand back, smile, take a photo & show off your dandy festive swag to all.



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We can't wait to see all you make & do X



IMPORTANT SWAG INSTRUCTIONS HERE :

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