

# How To Make A Candy Christmas Wreath

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## Candy Christmas Wreath



I know you all probably think I have gotten my holidays confused because it is the week before Halloween and here I am talking about Christmas but bear with me. There is a method to my madness!

Each year on the day after Halloween, I go and buy candy that is marked down to half price to use to make my Candy Christmas Wreaths. I am telling you about it now so you won't miss out on the opportunity to get candy for less to make these great gifts.

Since I was little we have hung a candy wreath on our door. When someone came to visit, they could cut a piece of candy from the wreath to take with them when they arrived or left. Kids and adults alike love this tradition.

Some years I have tried to have mine done before Thanksgiving. That way, when we get together on Thanksgiving Day, as a small gift, I give each one of my grown children one to hang on their doors.

I hang mine up the day after Thanksgiving along with the rest of my Christmas decorations. If you are going to a friend's house for Thanksgiving, this is a great and very different hostess gift to bring.

These also make great gifts for those hard to buy for people on your gift list or for those occasions when you have to buy for a whole family but aren't quite sure what to get for each member. It also saves you money because you aren't having to buy individual gifts.

Another added benefit is that you can make them early in November and give them out by the end of the month. This means that by the first week of December, you can have some of your gifts totally taken care of. Oh -- no wrapping necessary either!

These wreaths are very simple to make and something the kids can easily do. You'll find complete instructions on what to buy and how to make them below.

Don't forget to get candy for your other Christmas recipes during the after Halloween sales. Be creative! I was supposed to use Hershey's candy bars in my fudge, but when my daughter found a ton of Hershey's kisses for 50 cents a bag, I used those instead.

## How to Make a Candy Wreath

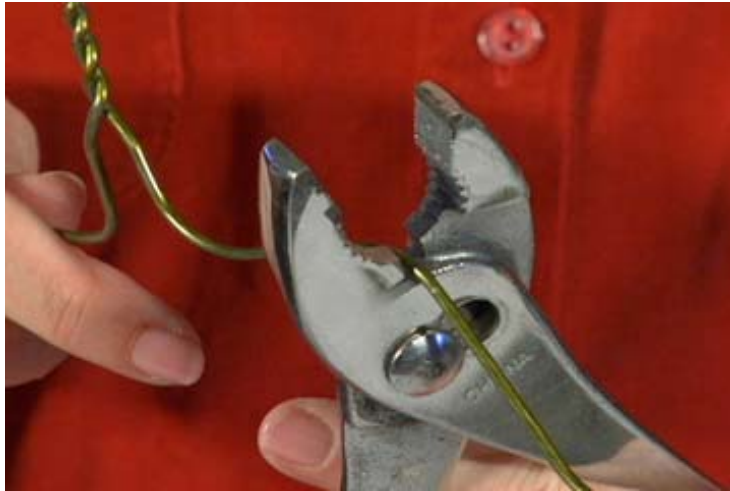
**1. First, buy your candy.** You need to use wrapped candy like Tootsie Rolls, Jolly Ranchers, peppermints, bubble gum, butterscotch candies, etc. How much candy you need depends on the size of wreath you make. Usually for a 12 to 15 inch wreath, I buy enough candy to fill a large mixing bowl to the top.

I make mine with lots of mixed candy but you can make it with all peppermints, all green and red Jolly Ranchers, or whatever you like. Whatever you decide, first place it all into a large mixing bowl.

**2. Cut string into about 3 inch pieces.** The lengths don't have to be exact. Just make them long enough so that they are easy to handle while you tie them around the ends of the candy and then to the ring for the wreath. You need one string for each piece of candy. I don't sit and count how many I need. I just cut a pile and then make more when I need them. I wrap the string around a VHS box and cut on both sides to get a good length.



**3. Take a heavy wire clothes hanger and form it into the size wreath you would like. Cut off the hook part at the top.**



Then slightly bend the 2 ends to form small hooks that you can hook together to make a circle. I haven't checked lately but you might be able to buy a metal circle in the wreath section at your craft store.



**4. After you have made your ring, tie each string to one end of a piece of candy.** This is why candy like Tootsie Rolls work so well. The little flags of paper on each end make it easy to tie the string to them. Then tie the other end to the wreath ring. Keep pushing the candy together as you go so you have a nice full ring of candy.



**5. When you can't squeeze one more piece of candy onto the wreath,** make or buy a large red bow to place at the top, which will cover the section where you hooked it together.



**6. Tie one end of a ribbon or string to a child's pair of scissors** and then tie the other end to the bottom of the wreath. This pair of scissors is for people to use to cut their own candy.

As you can see this is an easy project for kids. I mean what kid wouldn't love to handle mounds of candy, especially if they get to sneak a piece every once in awhile?

Hang it on your door. Adults and children alike love cutting a piece when they are coming or going or both!



To see a video version of this “how-to” article, check out “[How To Make a Candy Christmas Wreath](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvaRCEwZTm4)” at

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I made the candy wreath for my front door for Christmas. I made a little sign and hung on the bow...it read....

Friends and Neighbors all draw near  
For a bit of Christmas cheer  
Take the scissors, give a snip  
Then enjoy a candy nip

Thanks for the original idea of the wreath...it made a hit with the neighbors!!

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