How to...

Make a festive wreath

TOP TIPS

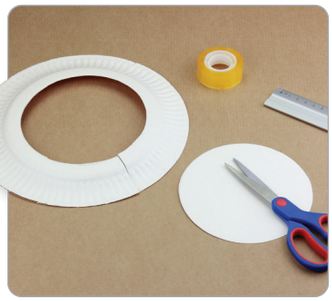
- Old catalogues, magazines and brochures with pictures of food or clothes are good for making colourful wreaths.
- To make a neat shape around the hole on the wreath, fold the ends of the loops on the last layer over the card then stick with glue.

What you need

- A pencil
- A cup or small bowl
- A paper plate
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Magazines or newspaper
- Glue
- Ribbon

Add something special to your Christmas decor with a handmade paper wreath. It takes a while to make but well worth the time and effort.

Timing: 2 hours



1 Draw a circle in the middle of a paper plate then cut it out leaving a 5–6cm border around the edge. Cut into the middle of the plate from the edge then tape across the join.

2 Cut lots of 2cm wide strips from magazines or newspapers. Cut the strips into 10cm lengths, curl each strip into a loop then stick the ends together with glue. It takes 70–80 strips for a 22–24cm plate.

3 Start gluing the paper loops around the edge of the plate. Follow the shape of the circle. Add more loops in more layers until the plate is covered.

4 To make flower shapes, cut 8 paper strips measuring 1cm x 8cm. Fold each strip into a loop, then stick the ends together with glue. Stick 4 loops into a cross shape, then another 4 on top. Glue the flowers onto the wreath. Glue some ribbon on the back.