

Making An Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a visual reminder of this special time of the liturgical year. If you don't already have one, why not make one? It's as easy as one, two, three! If working with younger children, make the wreath as described in *Three Purple, One Pink* on page 12.

Supplies needed:

- permanent marker
- circular Styrofoam™ base
- garland of silk greens
- florist wire
- wire cutters or old scissors
- 3 purple candles
- 1 pink candle
- 1 yard of narrow, pink ribbon (optional)
- 3 yards of narrow, purple ribbon (optional)

Directions:

1. With permanent marker, mark 4 "Xs" on Styrofoam™ ring, equal distances apart. ("Xs" mark where candles will stand.)
2. To form holes for candles, twist and turn candle into Styrofoam™ base, applying pressure as you twist and turn. Form four holes for the candles, but do not leave candles standing in place. They will be added after greens are wired to base.
3. Wrap garland of silk greens around Styrofoam™ base, covering outside, top, and inside of base. Leave bottom of Styrofoam™ free of greens.
4. Secure greens with florist wire, wrapping wire around Styrofoam™ base. Use wire

cutters or old scissors to cut wire. Tie ends of wire together to keep wire secure.

5. Place candles in holes.
6. (Optional) Tie ribbons to candles for festive look.



Reflection

God desires to make his love tangible through you. God wants you to be his hands, his feet, his smile—so that he can touch the lives of your children and friends through you.

—Sr. Ancilla Christine Hirsch, FSP

