

How to make a garland

1. Start by measuring how long you need your garland then cut a piece of heavy twine 2 ft. or so longer than desired length.
2. Tie off the twine to something that keeps tension on the rope. I use this 6ft. table and tie it under on the legs (Which is why I add 2ft. to the twine length).
3. Line up your greens in piles of kind, cut into appropriate lengths, approximately 1 1/2 feet long depending on how wide you want your garland.
4. **I used the following greens for the garland I made:**
 - Arborvitae
 - Western Cedar
 - Noble Fur
 - Silver Fur
 - Bay leaves
 - Cypress
 - Seeded eucalyptus



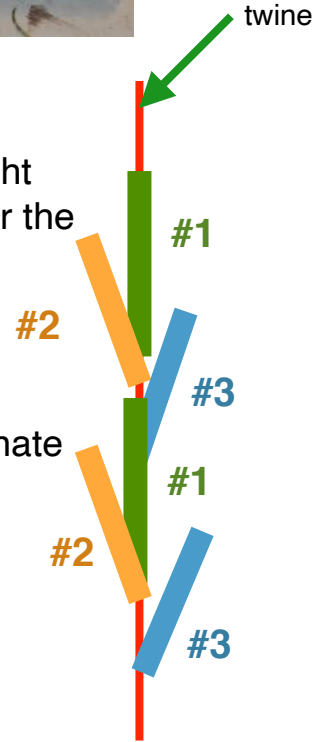
Then added bunches of
Leucadendron



4. Start by marking the center of the twine with a sharpie so you know where the middle is. Secure the wire on to the twine, then place your first group of greens, choose a heavy piece such as noble fir, and wind it tightly on the twine. Keep the wire taut while you are making turns around the greens and twine so the greens are secure.



5. The first piece should be directly over the twine as in diagram on right (#1). Then start placing small bunches (2-3 pieces of one type) over the last bunch, alternating (#2 and #3) such as with diagram on right, making 3-4 turns around the twine with the wire for each bunch.



6. Keep winding the greens in, alternating from center, left and right. Because the Magnolia is so striking, they need to be wound in alternate sides left, then right, then left and so on to space them out appropriately.

7. Continue until the center mark and then tie off the wire securely.

8. Start on the other side and work toward the center. Do your best to integrate the two directions into the center or use a bow to disguise the center.

9. If you need to make a long garland, sometimes I make it in two parts and tie them together in the center.

ENJOY!!!!

