

Autumn Decorative Wreath

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A popular way to celebrate seasons and holidays is to decorate your home and surroundings.

An embellishment that is often utilized is the seasonal wreath. From doorways to entryways, walls to fireplaces, offices and more, seasonal wreaths can be displayed almost anywhere and are a great way to add color and festivity to your surroundings.

On a number of occasions I set out to find the perfect wreath for my home, but was disappointed because I could not find the right color, style and size that I was looking for. I found that by making my own seasonal wreaths, I can choose materials that match my personal style and home décor.

The Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ offers cardstocks perfect for every seasonal and holiday project. In this month's project, I have created an autumn wreath with wonderful fall colors and textures from the Creative Collection™ line.



Supplies

Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ 12"x12" Cardstock

- 2 sheets Crinkles Cocoa
- 2 sheets Crinkles Olive
- 2 sheets Royal Fiber® Firecracker Red, Bark Embossed
- 2 sheets Royal Fiber® Tuscan Sun, Bark Embossed
- 2 sheets Royal Fiber® Sun Flower, Bark Embossed

Hot glue gun with clear glue sticks

2 yards of 1-1/2" wired plaid ribbon to coordinate with paper colors

ColorBox® Chestnut Roan fluid chalk ink

Embossing stylus

Cricut® Machine**

Cricut® Doodlecharms cartridge

14" Grapevine wreath

Wire

Wire cutter

**If you do not have a Cricut® you can trace actual leaves or use a paper pattern or stencil.

Instructions

1. Cut each piece of 12"x12" Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ cardstock listed above in half so each sheet measures 6"x12". If you have the Cricut® Expression you can leave them their original 12"x12" size.
2. Cut leaves from each color of the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ cardstocks listed above using a Doodlecharms cartridge leaf pattern. This project used a total of 28 leaves cut at sizes between 2-1/2" and 4-1/2". Please note that the size and amount of leaves is up to you! Be creative!

3. After the leaves are cut out, distress the edges using a small fluid chalk ink pad.
4. Create veins on the leaves using an embossing stylus. The veins should run from the center of each leaf and extend into each leaf curve for a total of 4 veins per leaf. Please note that if you use a leaf pattern or stencil this may vary.
5. Slightly bend each of the leaves on the vein line you created. I recommend pushing both sides together, then pulling up slightly on the leaf edges. This will create dimension on each leaf to give it more of a 3D effect.
6. To create a bow for the bottom of the wreath, hold the ribbon at one edge leaving a 6" tail on the end. Create a total of 6 loops, 3 on each side. Next, stagger these back and forth, twisting in the center. Once you have created the loops, place a piece of wire in the center and twist it tightly at the center of the length of ribbon to secure it in place. Now fluff and adjust the loops of the bow to create the look you want.
7. Attach the bow to the grapevine wreath with hot glue. Trim the ends to the length you like.
8. Once the bow is attached, start arranging the leaves on the wreath. Stagger the leaves by size and color until you achieve a look you like.
9. Use a hot glue gun to attach the leaves to the grapevine wreath. You may need to go back and bend the areas around the crease lines of the leaves to get the full 3D effect.

Tip! Add some fresh pinecones or acorns to your wreath for an extra special touch!