



Use garlands to dress up your stairway.

## Decorate Holiday Garlands

Garlands are great for decorating doorways and stair rails, wrapping pillars, draping mantels, hanging in swags and even framing pictures. Decorating doors and windows with evergreen garland was originally associated with warding off illness. Now, garlands are a beautiful addition to holiday decor inside and out. Creating your own holiday garland can be completed in one afternoon, depending on the length of the garland. Lowe's is happy to provide this information as a service to you.

### Holiday Garlands

Decorate evergreen garland with flowers, holiday picks, ribbons, berries, pine cones and other small holiday items.

1. Select your desired length of fresh or artificial garland.
2. Begin at one end and weave a ribbon and beaded garland throughout. Attach by weaving the items through and around the greenery. Wired ribbons work best.
3. Attach florist's bows throughout the garland.
4. Continue by adding picks, berries, wheat or other accessories. Secure small items using florist's tape or wire.

### Holiday Garland Materials

- Poinsettias (optional)
- Greenery (real or artificial)
- Wired ribbon
- Beaded garland
- Florist's bow
- Holiday picks
- Florist's tape or wire

### Handmade Carnation Garlands

It's easy to make a fresh flower garland with a few dozen carnations.

1. Cut the stems off just below the buds.
2. String a length of double thread on a needle (make the thread as long as you want the garland to be).
3. String the buds together by pushing the needle through the buds and out the top of the flowers.
4. Tie the ends of the garland together if you wish.
5. Store this garland in the refrigerator prior to use.



Use a carnation garland to accent any holiday centerpiece.

### Handmade Garland Materials

- Thread
- Needle
- Carnations

## Fruit and Candy Garlands

Use a combination of dried orange slices, popcorn, pine cones, cinnamon sticks and cranberries to make a natural garland. Or string together a candy garland. Use wrapped peppermint candy, pretzels, gumdrops, candies and red licorice.

1. String a length of double thread on a needle (make the thread as long as you want the garland to be).
2. String the orange slices, popcorn, cranberries, or candies together by carefully pushing the needle through the items.
3. Tie the ends of the garland together if you wish.

### Fruit and Candy Garland Materials

- Dried fruit
- Popcorn
- Pine cones
- Cranberries
- Wrapped candies (gumdrops, candies, red licorice)

## Keeping Greenery Fresh

Keep your garlands greener and fresher with these tips:

- Use sharp, clean cutters to cut branches and immediately put cut ends in water until ready to use.
- Crush the ends of woody stems to allow the cutting to take in more water.
- Immerse greenery in water overnight before arranging so the cuttings can absorb the maximum amount of moisture.
- Keep greenery out of sunlight.

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