



ORNAMENTS: SMALL BUTTON WREATHS

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Plastic yogurt or cottage cheese lids, or equivalent
- 4" ribbon, metallic thread, or cord
- 80-100 medium to smallest buttons
- A few beads or tiny buttons
- Low temp glue sticks & a glue gun
- Strong, sharp scissors to cut the lid
- Short awl to help place small pieces
- Small sharp scissors to cut strings from buttons
- Optional—little bits of ribbon or trim

THE GLUE

Always use a low temperature hot glue gun and sticks. This glue can be easily pulled off buttons to rearrange, or to salvage the button for another project.

MAKING YOUR WREATH

1. Assemble your materials.
2. Using your strong scissors, cut the outside lip off the plastic lid. Cut out the center of the lid, leaving a plastic ring that is about an inch wide.
3. Find a piece of cardboard or heavy paper to protect your working surface. I used an old envelope.
4. Glue a piece of ribbon or cord to the ring. This will be the hanger when your project is finished. Buttons will hide where this hanger is glued.
5. OPTIONAL: If you want to have bits of ribbon for an edge, cut some small pieces, and glue them to the edge of the plastic. Buttons will hide where they are glued.
6. Begin gluing buttons by placing a row of your largest flat buttons around the outside of the lid.

Lay the buttons so their edges touch and they hid the plastic lid.

For this row, put the glue only on one side of the button, as only half the button will be above the plastic lid base.

Vary the colors or textures of the buttons as you place them around the edge.





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7. Now glue medium sized buttons around the inside hole.

You have now formed the base of your button wreath.

8. Begin filling the spaces between the buttons of Steps One and Two with more buttons, sprinkling in a few colored and interesting buttons.
9. With the smallest buttons and some beads, fill any gaps that look unfinished.
10. For the final step, place your final smallest buttons and beads, filling in any gaps until you are pleased with the composition.
11. OPTIONAL: If you want a reversible wreath ornament, you can turn the lid over and repeat this process.



These wreaths can be hung on the wall, used as the “bow” on a gift package, given as gifts, hung in a window, or hung on a tree.

I made one wreath using only buttons from the shirts of my Grandpa. It is called by “Grandpa Wreath” and hangs on my wall to remind me of the good times I had with him.





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