

Individual Advent Wreaths



Supplies:

- Pipe Cleaners (1 Green and 2 Yellow per wreath)
- Pony Beads (18 blue and 6 pink per wreath)
- Green toile (you could substitute ribbon, fabric scraps, or evergreen)
- ****For St. Christopher's in 2020 we used garland from the dollar store, so my sample photo at the bottom is a bit different.**



Start by making your green pipe cleaner into a circle, and twisting it together.

Take a yellow pipe cleaner, and cut it in half. Then fold one piece in half again, and pinch it over your green circle. This will be your first "candle".



Take a pony bead, and put it over both ends of the yellow pipe cleaner. Push it down firmly. The force of the beads will hold your candle upright. (Or see hint at the end of instructions)

Put 5 more pony beads on, so 6 total for each candle.



Push all the beads down firmly, then open the pipe cleaner ends to hold them on.

Then shape the top like a flame on a candle, bring the 2 ends together, and give them a twist/



Repeat until you have an Advent wreath with 3 purple candles, and 1 pink one. You can leave the candles straight initially and turn them into flames each week in Advent



Now add “greenery” around your wreath. Take one long piece of toile or garland and wrap it around and around the wreath.

When you get all the way around the wreath, tuck in the ends.

****If your candles are falling over, do this:**

- Remove toile
- Place wreath upside down on a cup, water bottle, etc so that the candles hang down straight
- Put a little bit of glue on each spot where the yellow meets the green
- Let dry
- Put toile back