

# Plastic Bag Pompom Wreath

Simple yet effective, this wreath is just a circle of pompom flowers, or snowballs! It'll make a dent in your plastic bag collection, and being waterproof it's also perfect for hanging outside.

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"We've used all white bags but ones with patterns or wording can also look great. To avoid the wreath looking too much like 'it's made from plastic bags' limit the mix of colours and take time planning the order of the pompoms."

## You will need

- Selection of plastic bags and plastic wrap
- Glue gun
- Wire coathanger
- Small baubles
- Coloured drink bottle lids



**Prepare the bags.** Take your plastic bags and cut away the handles and bottom of the bags. Cut down one side to open the bag out flat. Layer up four rectangles from different bags. We tend to use two bags per flower and alternate the bags when we stack them. The size of the original bags will determine the size of your flowers. Ideally all your rectangles will be of a similar size. A width of approximately 28cm (11in) works well **(1)**.

**Fold the bags.** Starting at one of the short ends, concertina the stack up. Make the concertina folds about 2.5cm (1in) wide **(2)**. Keeping the concertina folded, cut in half and set one piece aside. We tend to place it under a heavy object so it doesn't unfold!

**Tie the centres.** Take one of the bag handles and tie it in a double knot around the concertina. Pull tight to gather the middle slightly **(3)**.

**Trim the ends.** Cut each end of the concertina into an arc shape **(4)**



**Shape the pompom flowers.** Gently fan out each side of the concertina and separate the individual layers, pulling them apart to make a 3D flower shape **(5)**.

**Make the wire circle base.** Bend the wire coat hanger in to a circle shape **(6)**.

**Attach the pompom flowers.** Before fixing the flowers to the hanger lay them out to create a pattern that you like. As you have two flowers from each set of bags you can make a nicely symmetrical pattern. Tie each flower to the hanger with a double knot **(7)**. You may not be able to pull the knots too tight but you can secure them further later on.

**Fill the hanger with the pompom flowers.** Use the glue gun to add a blob of glue either side of each knot **(8)**. This will secure the flowers to the metal wreath more firmly. Finish off by gluing the small baubles and drinks lids into place on the front of the wreath using the glue gun.