

# Making a Santa Wreath

## Supplies needed:

- ♦ 3 wire wreath forms of varying sizes
- ♦ Pipe cleaners in both white and red (I used black since I couldn't find red)
- ♦ Decomesh in 21 in width in white and red
- ♦ Santa hat
- ♦ Black burlap (or 6 in wide ribbon)
- ♦ Scrap book paper in gold (I used gold glittered cardstock paper)
- ♦ Fabric glue



First take the pipe cleaners and wrap and twist at every inside and outside "joint" of the wire wreath form. Making sure to use white pipe cleaners on the smallest of the forms. (See image on left)

Next, starting with the largest wire form, take the red decomesh and pinch it together and tie the end (giving yourself about four inches from the end of the mesh) to one of the inner rings "joints" where you attached the pipe cleaner. Twist the pipe cleaner around the mesh to secure it to the form. (image below is an example of how to pinch the mesh, this is not my picture). Give yourself about 8-10 inches of mesh and secure with the next pipe cleaner in the inner ring. The amount of "slack" you give yourself is up to you, the more "slack" the "fluffier" the Santa. Continue this process until you have completed two passes around the form, inner first then the outer ring and trim off the mesh. This is the method you will use for the smaller wire wreath form, only with the white decomesh.



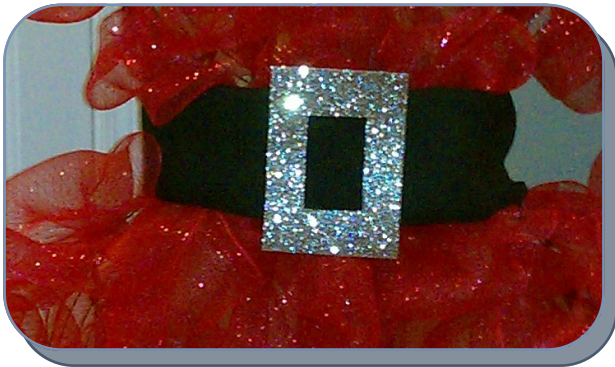
For the middle sized form, you will leave a space empty for the "beard". So start the red decomesh and go around until you have one "joint" empty and then turn around onto the outer ring until you get back to the beginning. Now complete the "beard" using the white decomesh starting at the inner joint where you started the red decomesh moving back to the empty joint, then attach to the other joint where the red ended. Repeat these steps going back along the outer ring. Give yourself plenty of slack to make the beard nice and fluffy and long.



Once you have completed all those steps you are ready to link the wreath forms together. You can just use more pipe cleaners to attach each section together. You are almost done with the Santa.

Cut a length of the burlap or ribbon for the belt that will go around the width of your Santa's mid-section. I used burlap because it is cheap and I could put a pipe cleaner through it to attach it to the form.

Take a piece of the scrap booking paper and cut it to a 5x7 size (this is an approximate size, it is totally up to you what size the buckle should be). Then cut out a section in the center that gives you at least an inch in width "buckle" all the way around the buckle.



Now, using Elmer's fabric glue (as seen on the left), I attached the "buckle" to the burlap and put some weight on it for better adhesion. I left it to dry for about 30 minutes, that's all it took to be ready to go.

Next it is time to attach the belt. I used more pipe cleaners and just wrap the ends around the sides and attached them to the wire ring.



Once this was all done, I added a loop using, you guessed it, a pipe cleaner to the top of the smallest ring or Santa's "head". I then attached Santa's hat on with two clothespins since I didn't want it to fly away. Once it is hung on the door, fluff the decomesh as desired and you are done.

