

Seasonal Garland

Deck the halls with this festive garland crafted from holiday cards.

Crafter Level: Intermediate

Time Needed: 1 hour

What you'll need

- 5-10 holiday cards
- Scissors or craft knife
- Circular or scallop paper punches, any size
- $\frac{1}{8}$ inch ribbon (approx. 2-3 yards) and a hole punch or sewing machine and thread



How to make it

1. Using the letter templates below, cut your cards into the garland message of your choice.
Tip: Trace the letter templates on to tracing paper to help line up the card designs you want to appear in the letters. You can also use the inside of the card and include parts of handwritten messages for a personal touch.
2. After all the letters have been cut, use your circle or scallop punch to create filler pieces from the remaining card scraps. Make as many filler pieces as you'd like—the more you punch out, the longer your garland will be.
3. Assemble your garland using either a sewing machine and thread or a hole punch and $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch ribbon.

Sewing machine method

Thread your machine with the color of your choice and set to simple stitch. Begin with half of your filler pieces, sewing about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the top. On the same continuous piece of thread, add your letters in order to create the garland message. Finish with the remaining filler pieces. When you are finished, cut the thread, and your garland is ready to hang.

Tip: Before sewing, count out your filler pieces and make even stacks for each side so that your message is centered in your garland.

Hole punch and ribbon method

This method is super easy if you don't have a sewing machine or want to do this craft with your kids. Punch 2 holes in the top of each letter and each filler piece, close to each side. Beginning with half of your filler pieces, thread the ribbon between the holes in each piece (this will allow the pieces to lay flat so they can be easily read). On the same continuous piece of ribbon, add your letters in order to create the garland message. Finish with the remaining filler pieces.



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