

Tied Wreath

Grab some friends, tie some knots, and you'll have a patriotic wreath for your front door in no time.

Crafter Level: Easy
Time Needed: 1 hour

What you'll need

- ½ yd. each of red and white 100% cotton fabric
- Scissors
- 18-in. metal wreath form
- 1 spool (12 in.) blue polka-dotted wire-edged ribbon
- Fabric glue or low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks



How to make it

1. Use scissors to cut 26 strips each (about 2 inches x 12 inches) from red and white fabrics.
Tip: If you have 100% cotton fabric, use scissors to make cuts every 2 inches along the selvage. Then tear the strips from selvage to selvage. It's fun for kids to do, and it gives the wreath a homespun look.
2. Trim the ends of the strips into points as you would a ribbon, and trim off the selvage from any strips that need it. (It's okay to have some strips shorter than others.)
3. Begin tying the strips in a knot to the wreath form one at a time. To make this wreath, we tied two white strips side by side, then switched to two red strips. Tie them so that about a fourth of the wreath is left empty for the blue ribbon.
4. Next, cut about a 2-inch length from the blue ribbon and set aside. Take the rest of the blue ribbon and begin weaving it between the metal rows on the wreath form. If your ribbon has a design on just one side, make sure that side is always facing the front of the wreath as you weave. When the empty area is covered, cut any remaining ribbon off and tuck the end to the back side of the wreath. Glue ends in place if necessary.
5. Now, use your 2-inch length of blue ribbon and the fabric glue or glue gun to cover any of the metal rows still showing between the woven ribbon on the wreath form. We made loops (see illustration at right) and glued the bottom of the loops to the wreath form. Let dry.
6. Finally, shape the ribbon with your fingers, trim any ties that seem too long, and hang it up.

