



# Natural Christmas Crafts Masterclass

Supply List & Workbook

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# Merry Christmas!

## Let's have fun celebrating the season with natural decor

Once upon a time, Christmas was simple. It wasn't a huge fanfare with a million gifts to buy, an endless to do list, or a lot of stress.

I remember as a kid, that some of my favourite Christmas decor was the stuff that my Dad made by shopping our acreage.

He would go out into the bushes, cut down a bunch of branches, and create something beautiful. He didn't buy a whole bunch of stuff either. There were the pinecones we collected on a camping trip, ribbons left over from Christmas presents past, and the odd fake berry he had picked up on sale years ago. While he didn't make exactly the kind of stuff that I make now, he still made beautiful gifts from natural materials that anyone who got them proudly displayed in their home. In fact, we still have some of the stuff he made 20+ years ago.

So when I started seeing gorgeous looking wreaths and garlands on my Instagram feed, I got inspired. There's no reason I couldn't make something similar, and have it cost a lot less money.

Instead of stressing over perfection, I want my decor to be fun to make, beautiful to look at, and feel effortless. I want the joy and pride of making my own decor.

That's where Natural Christmas Decor Masterclass comes in. You can make the beautiful natural wreaths and garlands you wish you could afford.

I can't wait to see what you create. Tag me on Instagram @shifting\_roots.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

*Kristen*



# FAQ

## **Where do you get the greens from?**

I try to responsibly forage as much as possible from my Mother in Law's acreage, buy some special greens from the garden centre or florist, and buy any extra greens from the big box store. Next year, I will likely buy a few Christmas trees and chop them up, because I plan on making a lot of wreaths and they take up way more greens than you'd think. I also plan on growing some flowers/greens like eucalyptus, dusty miller, and broom corn to dry and add interest to my wreaths.

## **Where can you buy wreath forms and hoops?**

Craft stores, big box stores, dollar stores, and even some hardware stores will sell them. You can also purchase online from Amazon.

## **How long do the greens last?**

Indoors, they usually look good for around 3 weeks. You can mist the greens with water everyday to extend their life. Outdoors, your wreaths and arrangements should look good for at least a month, and likely two.

## **What do you do when the season is over?**

Unwind the wire, and save it, the wreath form, any pinecones or dried oranges, and fake elements to use again next year. Toss all the greens into your compost!







# Supply List



*Choose from these greens & elements*

## Greens



Dusty Miller



Eucalyptus



Cedar



Juniper



Pine



Fir



Spruce



Cypress



Magnolia



Arborvitae



Hemlock



Laurel



Boxwood



Scots Pine



Balsam



Princess Pine



## Berries



Holly



Viburnum



Winterberry



Snowberry

## Branches



Red Dogwood



Birch



Yellow Dogwood



Willows (not weeping)

## Other



Pine cones



Dried Citrus



Wood beads



Bird ornament

Not all greens and berries will be easily available in all locations. Choose greens and elements that are easy to source in your area. If you don't have a yard to cut greenery from, it can be purchased at local garden centres and big box stores in bundles. If your area doesn't have that, you can also purchase a whole tree to cut up. If you're making a lot of decor, this option is actually far cheaper.





## Minimalist wreath

### Supplies

- Metal hoop or embroidery hoop
- 6-12 sprigs of greenery
- 3-6 pinecones
- 3-6 dried oranges
- 3-6 bunches berries
- 180 or 220 gauge green wire
- Ribbon to hang



## Grapevine wreath

### Supplies

- Grapevine wreath
- 6-12 sprigs of greenery
- 3-6 pinecones
- 3-6 dried oranges
- 3-6 bunches berries
- 180 or 220 gauge green wire
- Ribbon to hang



## Full wreath

### Supplies

- 12-14 inch Metal wreath form
- 24-30 bunches of greenery\*
- 6-12 pinecones
- 12-24 dried oranges
- 6-12 bunches berries
- 220 gauge green paddle wire
- Optional: ribbon to make a bow

\*To make the bunches of greenery, you will need approximately 4-6 large branches of different types of greenery. Please see the greenery supply list for ideas of different types of greens you can either clip from your yard or purchase from a garden centre.





## Garland

### Supplies

- 8-12 branches of greenery
- Paddlewire
- Nails (optional)
- Decor items (optional)



## Large Planter

### Supplies

- Planters
- Snow or soil
- 3 different types of greenery
- Branches
- Ornaments
- Pinecones
- Glittery fake sprigs



## Small Planter

### Supplies

- Small planter
- Soil or snow
- 2-3 different types of greens
- Pinecones
- Fake berries



# That's it!

I hope you enjoy this online class and that it has helped you create something beautiful and festive.

I love seeing your progress on Instagram!! Tag me on Instagram @shifting\_roots, I'd really love to see your creations!

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