

### Wreath Decorating

Wreaths can be decorated with dried or fresh material. Small grapevine wreaths can be found in craft stores year-round for about \$1.00. You could even make your own wreaths from grapevine or other vining plants such as honeysuckle. To do that, strip off all leaves and soak cut vines in water to keep them pliable if you are not using them immediately after cutting. About 6 feet of vine will make a small wreath about 5" in diameter. A larger wreath will also need to be thicker; so it would require quite a bit more vine per wreath. A fine-gauge wire can be used to secure the wreath in several places. Other materials that you will need besides the wreaths are:

Dried flowers, pods, nuts, sea shells; sprigs and small bunches of fresh herbs such as rosemary, lavender or thyme could be used with or instead of dried (they will dry on the wreath & maintain their fragrance for quite a while).

Glue gun and glue sticks (for volunteers, NOT clients, to use!)

Raffia or ribbon if desired

Paper plates for each person to gather decorations

Let each person choose and arrange wreath decorations. Volunteers can then glue all in place. A ribbon or raffia bow makes a nice finishing touch.

