

# Candy Wreath Purchases & Staging

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These supplies are normally purchased each year, with a slight deviation on ribbon colors and candies, just depends on what's available each year from the stores I use. For curling ribbon, I wait until Christmas items go on sale post-holiday, and hit all Walgreen's, CVS stores, Wal-Mart etc. for clearance items. Stock them for the following year. The wreath wire, floral tape, candies and scissors can wait until closer to when you want to start your wreath making.

One wreath takes roughly 3-4 hours total from start to finish. Total cost for each wreath for all supplies used runs about \$15-\$20 depending on what you choose to use. I have Christmas bags and tissue paper for local deliveries to loved ones, and mail wreaths to others across the country. Shipping priority about \$20 per wreath. Each wreath when completed will weigh about 2 pounds.

## Finished Product



## Supplies Needed

- **Wreath Wires:** SUNTQ Macrame Hoops Ring for Dream Catcher Metal Crafts Round Brass Plated 6inch (Gold, Pack of 10) OR Bright Creations Metal Rings for Crafts, Macrame, and Dream Catchers (6 in, Gold, 16 Pack) - Macrame Supplies - Dream Catchers Rings - Embroidery Hoop **from Amazon.com**
- **Floral Tape:** Honbay 4 Rolls 1/2" Wide 30Yard/Roll Floral Tapes for Bouquet Stem Wrap Florist Craft Projects (Dark Green) **from Amazon.com**
- **Scissors:** Scissors Bulk for Kids, EZZGOL 96 PACK 5" Safety Blunt Tip Student Scissors, 6 Assorted Colors Kid Craft Scissors for Cutting Regular Paper, Construction Paper, Cards **from Amazon.com**
- **Curling Ribbon:** BEISHIDA 500 Yards Gold Crimped Curling Ribbon Shiny Metallic Balloon String Roll Gift Wrapping Ribbon for Party Festival Art Craft Decor Florist Flowers Decoration VARIOUS COLORS **from Amazon.com**. Must be the thin curling ribbon though in order to make it easy to tie candy and curl.
- **Candy:** The types of candies I buy **from Amazon.com** can be found in other online sites or discount stores and up to what you want to use:

- **Brachs Holiday Peppermint Nougat Candy** - Individually Wrapped Bulk Pack - Christmas Holiday Classic - 4 Pound (Pack of 1)
- **Butterscotch Hard Candy** - 4 Pounds - Individually Wrapped Butter Scotch Candies - Yellow Candy - Butterscotch Discs Buttons - Bulk Candy
- **Goetze's Candy Vanilla Caramel Creams** - 5 Pound Bag (80 Ounces) - Fresh from the Factory

- **Strawberry Hard Candy** - 5 Pounds - Christmas Strawberry Bon Bons - Strawberry Filled Hard Candies - Red and Green Candy - Classic Hard Candy
- **Christmas Peppermint Starlights** - 3 Pounds - Holiday Mints Bulk Candy - After Dinner Mints - Peppermint Hard Candy - Red and Green Candies
- **Hard Candy Fruit Balls** - 4 Pounds - Individually Wrapped Fruity Hard Candies - Bulk Office Candy - Assorted Fruit Flavors - Cherry, Lemon, Orange, Green Apple, Grape - Old Fashioned Sucking Candies
- **Tootsie Roll Midgees Chewy Chocolate Candy** for Kids and Party Favors - Delicious Holiday Bulk Candy Individually Wrapped Candies for Snacking, Sharing with Friends and Families, Gluten Free, (5 LB)
- **Root Beer Float Barrels** - Delicious Individually Wrapped Root Beer Barrel Floats 2 lbs Bulk Candy
- **Cinnamon Hard Candy Individually Wrapped** - 5 Pounds - Red Candy for Candy Buffet - Cinnamon Discs - Red Candies Bulk for Parties, Offices
- **JOLLY RANCHER** Assorted Fruit Flavored Hard Candy Bulk Bag, 5 lb
- **Werther's Original Caramel Hard Candies**, 30 Ounce
- **Gourmet Soft and chewy Salt Water Taffy Candies** - Individually Wrapped - Bulk bags (Assorted flavors, 5 Pound (Pack of 1))

You want to get the candy with ends that allow easy tying with a curling ribbon, but you can make just about anything work if you have enough room in the candy wrapper.

Example with a good, easy end to tie:



Example with a more challenging end to tie, but still works:



So, what do we do with all these supplies? I will tell you in subsequent documents and videos. Just wanted to get this to you so you know where to start your supply list and at a high level how things are done.

First thing I do after receiving all my supplies, is take many days to stage the wreath wire and tie ribbon around each piece of candy. I have large bins and use Ziploc gallon bags to store the candy that is tied and ready to be put on the wreaths.

- Approximately 175 total various candies make up an entire 8" wreath based on how closely you tie the candies/pack them in. Only two candies that I put less than the rest due to their weight and size on the overall wreath - Hard Strawberry candy and Goetze Caramels. The wreath will be about 1 ½-2 pounds in total weight when completed.

### **Wreath Wire and Floral Tape**

You want to tape an end piece of the floral tape to the wreath wire and then work your way around the wreath wire until the full wire is covered in floral tape. Cut the end and then tape it. Reason why we do this is to give it a tacky feeling from the floral tape and it's green, so it coordinates well with the Christmas décor. I will do 30-40 wires in about 2 hours time with this process and put them away to be used as needed through the months ahead.



### **Staging the Curling Ribbon**

I take 6-8 different colored barrels and remove the outer tape/packaging on them, align each end into my hand. Then I pull about 8 inches of all the colors at once, cut them off, and repeat cutting every 8 inches. I then put all these ribbons into a gallon Ziploc or two and these will be used for tying candy in the next step. I stage 2-3 full Ziplocs in a 2-3-hour period.



### **Tying the Candy**

This is the most time consuming of all staging activities. But you can make it fun with family/friends to sit around and do while talking, chatting, having an adult beverage. You can even include the kids in the candy tying as well. Be careful around animals, cats and dogs alike. Cats are naturally curious with the shiny ribbon and could take and chew/ingest it. Many of the candies are chocolate based or may contain ingredients toxic to dogs, so be careful of laying the candy around as you are working on it or dropping extra pieces in between furniture and on the ground.

For the candy tying, I only **tie once** (no knot) around one end of the candy piece. This is good enough to hold the candy, as when we make the wreath, we will **double tie** the ribbon to the wreath wire itself when we begin to build our wreaths later on. For the “easy end” this takes little time to do and can go through a 5-pound bag in about an hour. For those “challenging ends” that may take a bit more work to tie the ribbon to it, give yourself another hour or so on a 5-pound bag of candy.