



This oblong wreath can be made with whatever greens and dried materials you have on hand. "Nothing is straight in nature. It doesn't need to be perfect," said Ruth Frantz, who created the wreath.

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breath, red globe amaranth, and holly leaves gilded with a paint pen.

Finish with a bow made from three yards of burgundy ribbon wired to the top of the wreath with streamers down the sides.

BIRCH LOG ARRANGEMENT

- 20-inch long birch log
- Small handful of Spanish moss
- 16 sprigs boxwood (two 10-inches long, six 6-inches long, eight 3-inches long)
- 9 sprigs birch branches (five 9-inches long, four 6-inches long)
- 20 sprigs white larkspur, 6 inches long
- 10 dried red roses (three 7-inches long, five 5-inches long, two 3-inches long)
- 5 sprigs preserved green fern or boxwood, 6-8 inches long
- 8 pieces white annual statice, 4 inches long
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- 1½x1½x1-inch block floral foam
- 1½ yards red plaid ribbon, 1-inch wide
- Medium gauge floral wire
- Heavy duty scissors

Hot glue the block of floral foam to the center of the log, positioning the block so that it is 1½ inches long and wide and 1 inch high.

Lay the Spanish moss over the foam, covering completely. Hot glue the moss in place at several points.

Set aside three of the 3-inch sprigs of boxwood and insert the remaining sprigs into the floral foam in an oval pattern, following the shape of the log, hot gluing them in place. Start with two long pieces, positioning them on opposite sides of the bow, and laying them along the length of the log. Arrange the 6-inch pieces next in an oval, and add the five 3-inch pieces.

Hot glue remaining materials to the arrangement, distributing evenly — first the birch branches, larkspur, roses, and fern, ending with statice.

Make a bow with the ribbon

and wire the bow at its center with floral wire. Use the scissors to trim the wire ends to 4 inches.

Insert the bow's wire ends into the foam. Hot glue the bow in place at two or three strategic points.

Place a dab of hot glue on the end of a reserved boxwood sprig and insert it into the arrangement through the loops of the bow. Repeat this procedure with the other reserved sprigs.

CEDAR AND PEPPERBERRY SWAG

- 12 stems cedar, 12 inches long
- 8 stems boxwood, 10 inches long
- 12 stems German statice, 6-8 inches long
- 2 heads cockscomb, 3 inches in diameter
- 2 stems pepperberries, 5 inches long
- Wire cutters
- Wire coat hanger
- Green floral tape
- Medium-gauge floral wire
- 2 yards green velvet ribbon, 2-inches wide
- Fine gauge floral wire
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Using the wire cutters, clip off the bottom of the wire coat hanger and bend it into an arch. The hook serves as a hanger for the finished swag and will not be noticeable after the greens are attached.

Wrap floral tap around the wire base, covering it completely.

Using medium-gauge floral wire, wire six cedar stems to the center of the arch with their tips pointing to the right.

Wire four stems of boxwood to the left of the swag and four to the right.

Make a bow from the green velvet ribbon and wire the bow around its center with the fine-gauge floral wire. Attach the bow to the center of the swag with the medium-gauge wire.

Hot glue the German statice on both sides of the swag, with all stems pointing to the center.

Hot glue one cockscomb head on each side of bow.

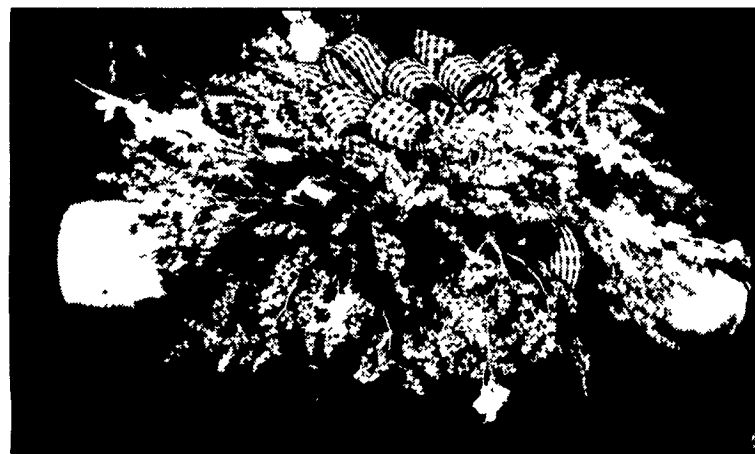
Hot glue a stem of pepperberries or rose hips or holly berries next to each cockscomb head.

Gifts From The Barn



Judy Kurtz, right, and Cindy Wegaman transform "junk" into treasures for home, gift giving, and selling. Recently they presented a workshop on holiday ideas. Some of their ideas for using what you have is to plop a tree or greens into an old tin previously used as a magazine rack, painting snowman on old hat boxes, and painting seasonal messages on pieces of old barn wood.

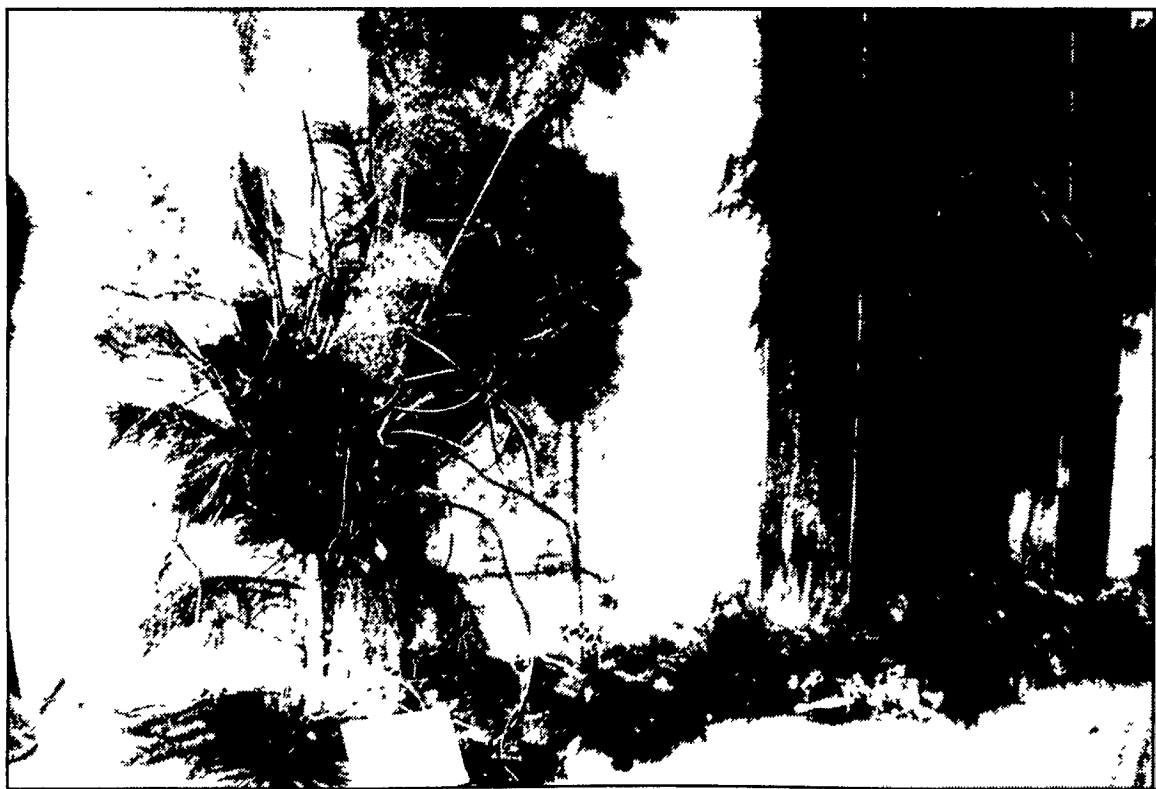
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This birch log arrangement can be made by novices.

them outside for several days in the rain to rust to duplicate the "rusted" decorating craze. Make a rack by hammering the rusted nails into an old shutter or piece of wood from which to hang candles, baskets, and other things found around your home.

If you'd rather not take the time to use these ideas, but you'd like to have some of these items, they can be purchased from Cindy and Judy at their booth (CJ) in The Mill Property, 2910 Main St., Morgantown. Hours are 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., seven days a week. Phone (610) 286-8854.



The Penn State Lebanon County Extension Holiday Program includes many displays by Master Gardeners who also offer tips on harvesting greens and other plants for decorating use. To learn more about the Master Gardener program, contact your county extension office or the Lebanon County office at (717) 270-4391.

