



Lavender Wreath Instructions

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Supplies: COST approximately \$75-100

Count on approximately \$50 on Lavender alone;
then you will have the cost of a base + raffia + ribbon.

- 8 bundles of Fresh Spike or Lavandin (tall) Lavender @ \$6 a bundle
OR 10 bundles of Sweet Lavender @ \$5 a bundle
(These will give you 75-100 mini-bundles)
- 1X 10" bare frame of willow or grapevine wreath base
- 1 package medium elastics
- 1 spool of ribbon or a dozen skeins of raffia for wrapping bundles
- 1 spool of pretty ribbon for a decorative bow
- Optional: extra sprigs of fresh Statice latifolia, German Statice or Babies Breath to create a lacy "halo" on Lavender Wreath

Method:

1. Each fresh bundle of Lavender needs to be wrapped into about 10 mini-bundles. Place elastic close to the flower head & trim stems very short, about 3-4 inches.
2. Lay wreath base flat, attach your ribbon or raffia to the base securely.
3. Lay 3 mini-bundles at a time in a row across the base to lay 1st layer of Lavender. Bundles need to all face the same direction.
4. Pull raffia over the mini-bundles just above the elastic area. Tighten as you wrap around the girth of the base.
5. Lay the next layer of mini-bundles overlapping the previous layer covering the ends up to the wrap ribbon or raffia area.
6. Proceed around the base layering each successive layer of mini-bundles until you meet the original wrap.
7. Leave the ribbon or raffia in one long continuous length, tightening at each layer to keep an even tension. Wrap snugly as the bundles shrink as they dry & it can leave the ribbon or raffia loose...and bundles can "escape"!
8. Tuck the ends of the wrap under the tips of the first wrap tidily as possible. Make an off center loop for hanging on the reverse side or backside of wreath.
9. Tuck in wisps of decorative statice or babies breath around outer edge like a "halo". Add a ribbon bow.
10. Lay flat to dry or wreath will sag as it dries. Freshen with Lavender essential oil as needed. Lasts 2-3 years!