

Christmas Knitting Wreath

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If you are a knitting fan, create this jolly Christmas knitting wreath with the colors of red and green. You only need a small amount of yarn to cover what are actually inexpensive foam balls.

Materials:

STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:

Balls, 12 each: 2"; 1-1/2"; 1-1/4"; fifteen 1"

Wreath, 12" x 1-1/4" x 3/4"

Spray paint, metallic gold

Sport-weight yarn, 1-3/4 oz. balls, two each: hunter green; cranberry red; cream

Knitting needles, one pair each: cable; #10, 9-3/4" long

Gold-tone stitch holder

Railroad board, 8-ply, 22" x 28" sheet

Cloth-covered floral wire, 18" length

Pencil

Ruler

Scissors

Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks

Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

1. Trace foam wreath twice onto railroad board. Cut out shapes and glue to front and back of foam wreath. To make hanger, fold floral wire in half and wrap around wreath ring to form loop; twist ends to secure.
2. Completely cover wreath by wrapping uneven bands of yarn around board-covered foam. Secure yarn at beginning and end with thick glue; let dry. Note: If available, loosely clamp wreath in place to hold while wrapping; protect wreath with towel to prevent damage.
3. To knit wreath "bow," cast on 20 sts. K16 rows red, K6 rows cream, K2 rows green, K6 rows cream, K40 rows red, K6 rows cream, K2 rows green, K6 rows cream, K16 rows red. Bind off. Spray paint all knitting needles gold; let dry.

4. Gluing yarn at beginning and end with thick glue, wrap three foam balls of each size, except 1" balls, with a different color yarn. Wrap each group of five 1" balls with a different color.
5. Refer to photo and use glue gun to adhere yarn balls to wreath. "Pin" bow to yarn balls on left side using crossed #10 needles at 10 o' clock position. Cross cable needles through a yarn ball on opposite side. Pin stitch holder to a third yarn ball.

