

christmas wishes wreath

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materials

- Vintage Victorian Christmas postcard*
- 2-1/2" furniture key*
- Ladies' watch faces, two*
- 5/8" brass clock gears, two*
- 1" brass clock gear*
- 1-1/4" dress cutter wheel*
- 1/4" locking washers, three*
- 3/4" coin with hole in center*
- 1-1/4" rhinestone snowflake brooch*
- 1-1/2" cameo brooch (pin back removed)*
- 1/2" filigree heart charm*
- Tinsel garland in silver and gold*
- The Dow Chemical Company STYROFOAM 10" wreath form
- Dupioni silk in teal, two 3" x 44" strips
- Pearlized crinkle sheer fabric in white, one 2" x 24" strip
- 2-1/2" ivory silk flowers (disassembled), four
- 1-1/2" ivory silk flower (disassembled)
- 1/2" snowflake shank buttons, three
- 1/2" round and flower-shaped sequins (light metallic colors)
- Silver leaf poke, 3" x 2-1/2"
- 1/4"-wide light blue organdy ribbon
- Metallic gold ribbon, 1/4"- and 1/8"-wide
- 1/8"-wide metallic silver ribbon
- 5/8" wired ribbon in turquoise with gold edge
- Metallic tinsel stretch cord in green and silver
- 1/8" gold metal eyelet and eyelet setting tool, floral wire, hot glue gun and glue, pearl head pins (aqua and white), straight pins, scissors, wire cutters

*Flea market finds.

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instructions

1. Cover wreath form by pinning end of a teal silk strip to back. Wrap fabric around wreath form and pin end in back. Repeat with second strip until wreath is covered.

2. Embellish left side of wreath by wrapping organdy ribbon several times around wreath, tying on furniture key, and finishing with a bow. Follow with metallic tinsel cord, wrapped and tied in a knot. Use hot glue to adhere a 3" piece of tinsel garland to wreath. Reassemble a large silk flower, placing a brass gear topped with a flower sequin in center. Attach to wreath with a pearl head pin. Repeat to make a second flower. Wrap organdy ribbon several times around wreath and tie ends in a knot. Pin snowflake brooch to wreath and secure with hot glue. Remove button shanks with wire cutters and adhere around snowflake brooch.

3. Embellish upper right side of wreath by wrapping alternating ribbons several times around wreath and finishing each with a knot. Slide a pearl head pin through center of a watch face, the center of cutting wheel, and into wreath. Tie on cameo brooch with gold ribbon. Tie a gold bow onto heart charm and pin in place with a pearl head pin. Layer a washer

over a flower sequin and pin onto wreath with a pearl head pin. Repeat to make two more.

4. Decorate lower right by wrapping wreath with a strip of sheer crinkle fabric, securing it in back with straight pins. Cut two silver leaves off poke and pin them onto wreath with straight pins. Create three layered flowers on top of leaves, one with a coin and watch face center, one with a gear and sequin center, and a small one with a flower sequin center. Attach them with pearl head pins.

5. Punch a hole in top of a vintage postcard and set with a gold eyelet. Tie a piece of 1/8"-wide gold ribbon through eyelet and tie in a bow. Use a straight pin to attach bow and postcard to wreath form. Create a wire hanger by bending floral wire into a figure 8 with a large loop on top and a small loop on bottom. Push a straight pin through small loop and attach to back of wreath form.

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