

BOXWOOD HOLIDAY GARLAND

Begin with a base garland. We used boxwood, but you could also create a more traditional look using a cedar garland. Insert a 12"–16" length of florist wire through each pear crosswise, and wire them onto the garland approximately every 12" to 18." For our garland, we attached them mostly in pairs, with a few singles interspersed for visual rhythm. Then, wire on a few pine cones, and bows at the ends or at drape points if you'd like.



We also like the simple elegance of a row of pears across the mantle. We alternated Bosc and Seckel, and simply tucked in sprigs of greens, and wound an organdy ribbon through the display. Quick and easy—no tools required!

Florist wire and baling wire are available from a craft store or florist. A base garland can be purchased from a florist.



MATERIALS

1. garland, homemade or purchased from a florist
 2. sprigs of evergreen & (optional) laurel leaves
 3. Berry sprigs
 4. Pears: Bosc, Red Anjou & Green Anjou (10–12 per 10 ft. of garland)
 5. Additional pears for mantle (optional)
 6. Pine cones
 7. florist wire
 8. wire cutters
 9. ribbon (optional)
- if making your own garland*
10. greens
 11. pruning shears
 12. baling wire (heavier florist wire)
 13. 1/2" sisal rope the length of your garland

making your own garland if you prefer to make your own garland, start by making little bundles of sprigs of greens with florist wire. Then use the baling wire to wire the stem ends of the bundles securely to the rope, overlapping as you go to cover the rope and wire.

To complete the garland make little bundles out of sprigs of evergreens, berries and laurel leaves, using the florist wire. Tuck these bundles into the garland and wire them in place with florist wire.