

# ADVENT WREATH



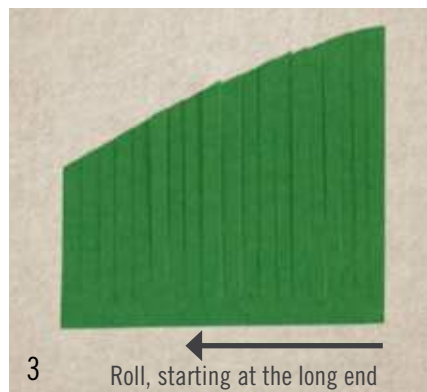
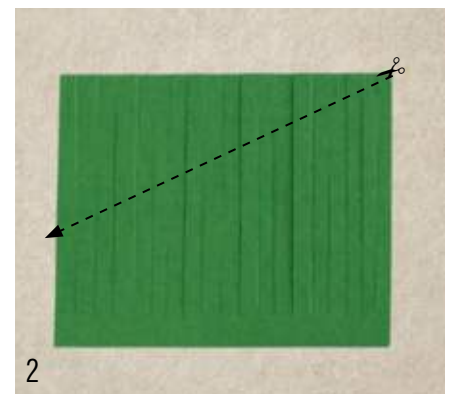
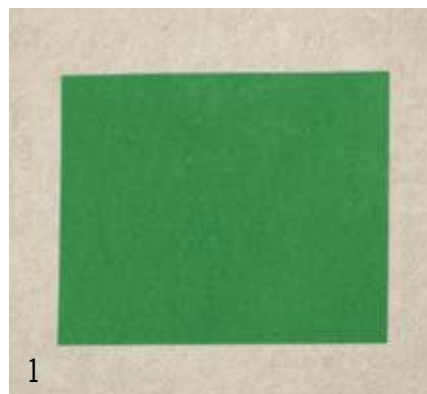
## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Scissors or an X-Acto knife  
Glue or double-sided tape  
5 black coffee stirring straws  
1 sheet of light green card stock  
4 sheets of dark green card stock  
1 sheet of purple card stock  
1 sheet of pink card stock

1 sheet of white card stock  
1 sheet of yellow card stock  
1 sheet of orange card stock  
1 roll of light green crepe paper  
1 roll of dark green crepe paper  
1 sharpened pencil

## CARD STOCK FOLIAGE FRONDS

1. Directions for one frond. Make five fronds from light green card stock and 15 fronds from dark green card stock. Cut one 3.5 by 4 inch rectangle (six to a page).
2. Cut it into strips about .25 inch wide, stopping .25 inch from the longer edge to make fringe.
3. Trim the top edge of the fringe at an angle, ending approximately 1.75 inches down from the long side.
4. Starting at the bottom of the tall end, tightly roll the base, gluing as you go. Pinch and hold closed until the glue begins to dry. Once dry, slightly bend each needle outward.



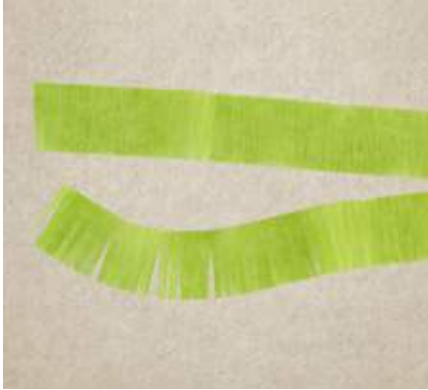
## FLAMES

1. Using the larger flame template provided, cut five flames from orange card stock, making the yellow flame the smaller of the two.
2. Using the smaller flame template, cut five flames from the yellow card stock.
3. Glue the yellow flame onto the red one, aligning bottoms.



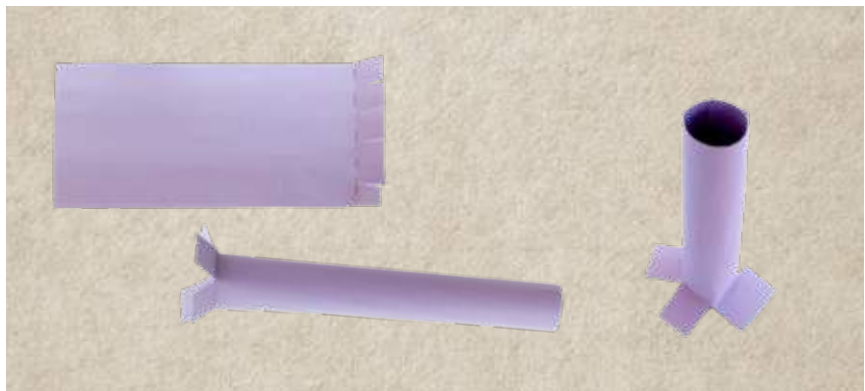
## CREPE PAPER FOLIAGE

1. Directions for one frond: Cut 15 fronds from light green crepe paper and 25 fronds from dark green crepe paper into lengths of 12 to 18 inches.
2. Cut strips about .25 inch wide, stopping .25 inch from the edge.
3. Twist each strip, being careful not to tear the crepe paper.
4. Starting at one end, roll the crepe paper at the base, gluing as you go. The base of the strips should angle slightly downward to help elongate the branch.



## CANDLES

1. Cut three pieces of purple and one of pink from card stock, each measuring 5 by 2.75 inches.
2. From white card stock, cut one piece 4 by 5 inches.
3. A half inch from one end, score then fold the paper a half-inch from the edge. Make four evenly-spaced cuts, stopping at the half-inch mark to form a base for the candle. These are called flaps.
4. Roll each into a tube, securing it along the length with double-sided tape or glue.

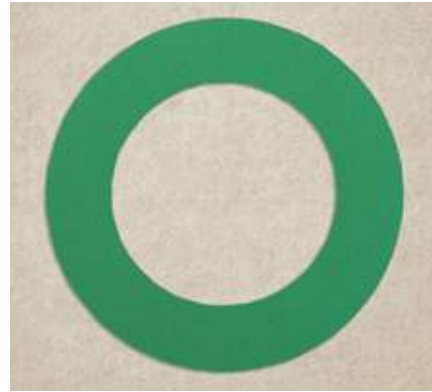




## WREATH BASE

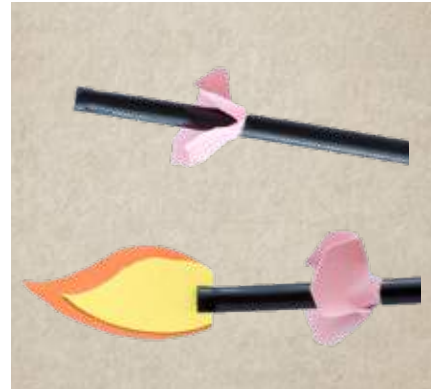
Using the template provided, cut a circle from dark green card stock to make a base for the wreath.

Place the purple and pink candles evenly around the wreath base, gluing their flaps to the base. Reserve the white candle for the center of the wreath, where it is placed and not glued.



## CANDLE WICKS

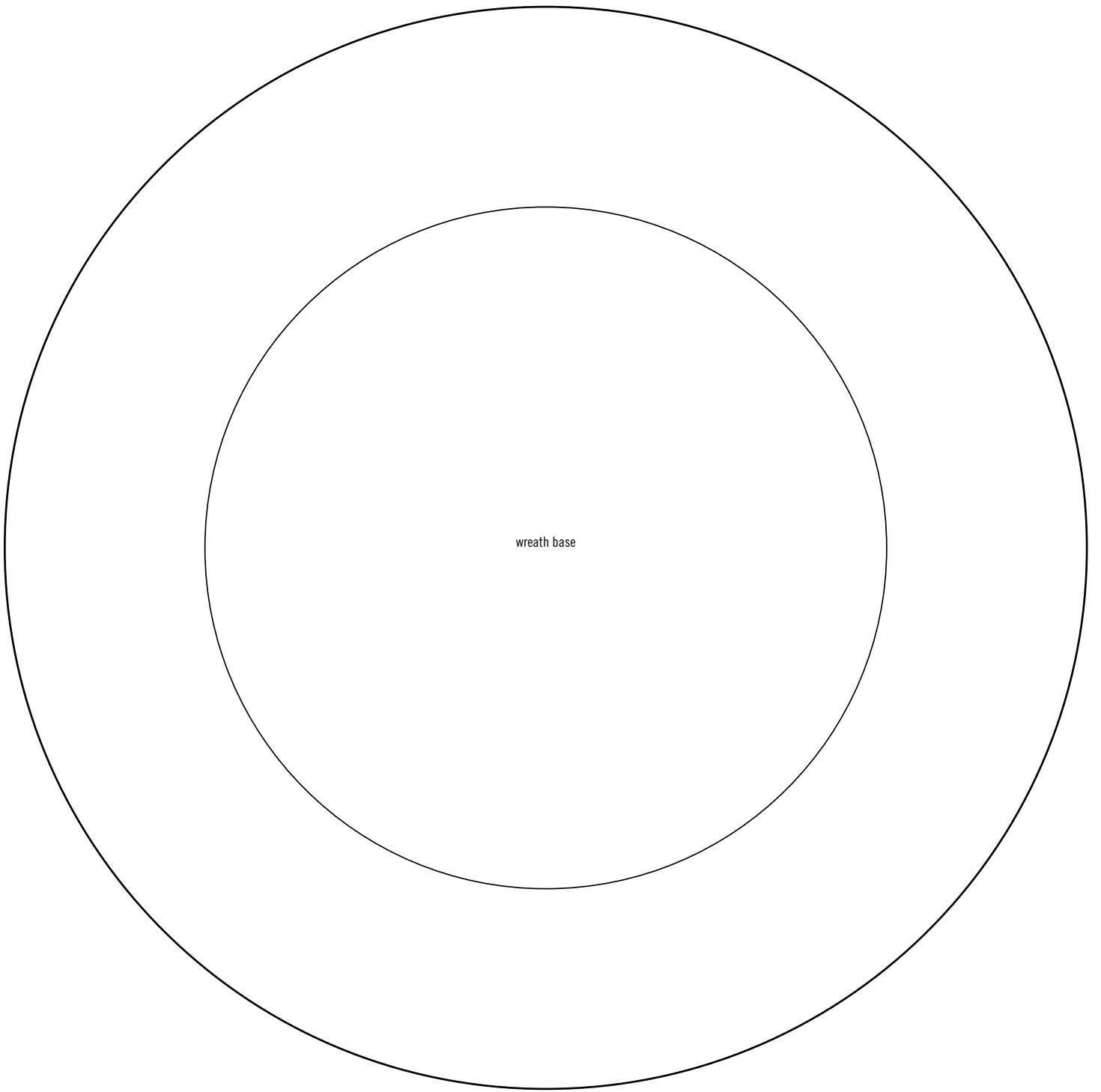
1. Cut five black coffee stirring straws into 4-inch lengths.
2. Cut short slits on one end of each straw to hold a flame.
3. Using the template provided, cut one large white, one small pink and three small purple paper rectangles.
4. Use a sharp pencil point to make a small hole in the middle of the rectangle.
5. Push the straw through the hole so it fits tightly, with the slits on top. Position the straw inside the candle, sliding the paper rectangle down until it rests inside the candle. Trim the paper if necessary until it fits snugly inside the candle. (The paper helps to hold the straw and its flame upright.)
6. Slide a flame into the slit of the wick for each candle.



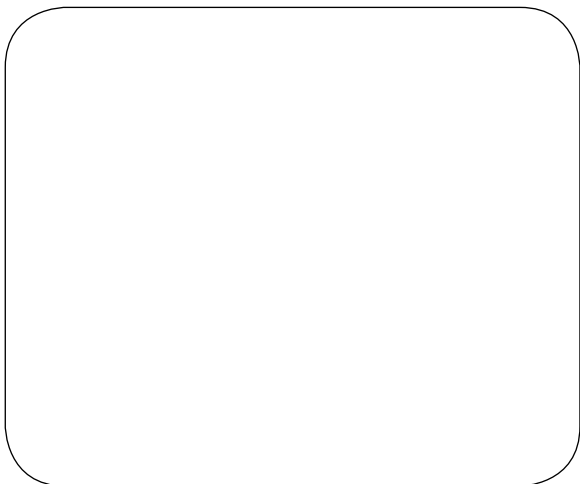
## FINISH

1. Evenly distribute the light and dark green card stock fronds around the base. Glue them in place.
2. Add the crepe paper fronds on top and between the card stock fronds to create fullness. Place the white candle in the center.
3. Each Sunday of Advent, add a flame to that week's candle.

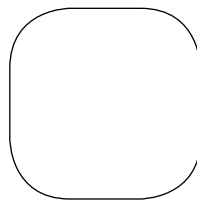




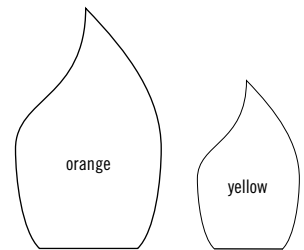
wreath base



large rectangle



small rectangle



cut five orange and five yellow

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