

BOO-Tiful Halloween Wreath

Instructions and Tutorial Photos found on AnnsEntitledLife.com

BOO-Tiful Halloween Wreath Materials:

• Styrofoam or Straw Wreath Form – used in this tutorial is a 14" wreath – but a 12" wreath would work just as well.

- Black & White Chevron Ribbon 10 yards
- Black Ribbon with White Polka Dots
- Orange Burlap Ribbon
- Fake Fall Leaves
- Orange Scrapbook Paper
- Mod Podge
- Foam Brush
- 9" Cardboard Bat used from these Halloween Silhouettes Set
- BBQ Bamboo Skewer
- Glue Gun
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Tape Measure
- PDF file of "Trick or Treat" (or use Microsoft Word's AR Hermann font in size 72)

BOO-Tiful Halloween Wreath Instructions:

• Take your wreath, either a Styrofoam or straw one, and wrap and cover it with your black and white chevron ribbon. You should use exactly 10 yards when covering a 14" wreath.

- Use your hot glue gun to secure the ribbon in place.
- Take 7 fall leaves and lay them out on the front, bottom of the wreath in a color pattern you

deem pleasing (this is all a matter of taste!)

• Hot glue them onto the wreath.

• Take your orange scrap book paper, and trim to a 8X11" sheet of paper if needed. Then print the <u>"trick or treat" PDF file</u> onto the paper. Trim the paper so it is 1 1/2" wide and cut out "V" shaped notches at the end so it looks like a ribbon.

• Grab your foam brush and paint on a coat of Mod Podge over the top of the "Trick or Treat" paper.

• Place a few pencils under the trick or treat paper so it won't stick to the newspaper (or whatever surface you have it on) while it is drying.

• Take a 9" long black cardboard bat from the Halloween Silhouette kit and one of the bamboo skewers. Break off a skewer end so that it is about 8.5" long. Securely tape or glue that onto the back of the bat. Now the bat will be a bit more sturdy when you glue him onto the wreath.

• Hot glue on the dry "trick or treat" paper ribbon over the leaves that are on the wreath.

• Hot glue on the bat to the wreath just off to the side of the "trick or treat" paper ribbon.

• To make the orange burlap bow:

• Cut one 13" strand, one 3" strand and (2) 5" strands of orange burlap ribbon.

• Use the ends of a pair of scissors or a Popsicle stick to hold the ribbon when hot gluing the ribbon together so that your skin is not touching the hot glue.

• Take your 13" strand of orange burlap and wrap it into a loop and hot glue it together. This will form the top of the bow. You need to pinch in the middle and make a "M" shape and glue that together.

• Now take your 3 inch strand and fold it in half the long way and hot glue that together.

• Wrap that around the pinched part of the bow.

• Turn it over so the back of the bow is facing you and attach the (2) 5" ribbons.

• Cut "V" shaped notches at the ends – you can paint some clear nail polish over the notch to keep it from raveling (highly suggested!).

• Your burlap bow is now complete.

• Take the black ribbon with white polka dots and cut a 20" strand.

• Wrap this 20" around the top of the wreath and knot the end. This will the part of the wreath where you hang it.

• Hot glue the polka dot ribbon onto the chevron ribbon so that it stays in place.

• Once your orange burlap ribbon is completely cooled and dry – hot glue that on top of the wreath where the polka dot ribbon is wrapped around at the top.

• Your wreath is now complete – go fill your bowl with some candy and get ready to fill up the kiddos Trick or Treat bags!