

OPEN STUDIO

Holiday Reconnection

Creatively share your holiday cheer and reconnect with your friends and family through artmaking.



Materials

- Paper materials (e.g., cardstock, construction, scrap paper, etc.)
- Yarn, string, or twine (at least 3 feet)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Drawing Materials

Instructions

1. Imagine

Imagine what you want your garland to look like and who you would like to share your holiday cheer with. A handmade garland can be used to decorate your home or personal space any time of year. Making a garland for family and friends allows you to share words and images your family can remember you by.

2. Design and Cut

Pick a family member or friend you will create your first garland for. What colors does this person like? What shapes remind you of them? Draw an outline of each desired shape and cut along the edge. Make five to six shapes. TIP: Layer paper of different sizes within a designed shape.

3. Arrange

Cut a piece of string at least 3 feet long. Using tape, attach each of your shapes to your yarn, leaving equal space between each. Make sure to leave a length of string on each end for hanging your garland.

4. Hang

Lay out your yarn or string with your shapes facing up. With the help of a friend, safely hang your garland for your friends and family to enjoy your holiday cheer.

BONUS

In place of hanging or wrapping up your garland, you can also wrap your garland around a gift to accentuate the wrapping paper.

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Garland

A wreath of intertwined materials, such as flowers, felt, or paper, worn on the head or hung as a decoration.

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