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Recycled Wreaths

This is a great idea from the SVP Sheffield furniture Store. Create a beautiful, eco-friendly wreath using old bedding and tablecloths. This activity could be done in partnership with a local care home, parish, local Young Vincentians group *(Mini Vinnies or Youth SVP)* or adult SVP Conference. You could even gift it to the school, parish or care home.





You will need

- Old bedding and tablecloths (you could ask your local SVP shop or project to donate any bedding or clothing they can't re-sell or pass on)
- Wire wreath frame or a sturdy cardboard circle
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun or fabric glue
- Optional: embellishments (buttons, ribbons etc)
- Optional: twine or wire for hanging

Instructions

1. Prepare the Base:
2. If using a cardboard circle, cut out a large ring from the cardboard (approximately 30-45cm in diameter).
3. If using a wire frame, ensure it is clean and ready for use.
4. Cut the old bedding and tablecloths into strips. Each strip should be about 5cm wide and 20cm long. Mix and match different fabrics for a colourful look.
5. Take a fabric strip, fold it in half, and place it under the wreath frame (or through the cardboard ring). Pull the ends of the strip through the loop and pull tight to secure it. Repeat this process, filling the frame or ring with tightly knotted strips until it's fully covered.
6. Layer and Texture:
7. Alternate the fabric colours and patterns to create a layered, textured effect. You can also vary the lengths of the fabric strips for added visual interest.
8. Once the wreath base is complete, embellish it with buttons, or other decorative items. Use the hot glue gun or fabric glue to secure these items in place.
9. Create a hanging mechanism by attaching a piece of twine or wire to the top of the wreath for hanging. Make a loop and secure it with glue or by tying it tightly.
10. Hang your upcycled wreath on your front door, in your home, or give it as a thoughtful gift! Feel free to share with us at @svpyoungvincentians