

Sweet Gum Mini-Wreath

This is a pattern for all you Southern folks that have these seed pods to clean up every fall from your yard. They may be available in craft shops in the North, or perhaps you can find a place to buy them on line. Here in Arkansas, they are easily gathered.

This wreath takes 6-8 Sweet Gumballs.

Using a 1/16th inch drill bit, drill a hole completely through each gumball. String the balls on either a piece of heavy Nylon fishing line, or a piece of beading wire. Draw up tightly to form a circle, and tie a knot, then form a loop



for the hanger. Use as many gumballs as you need to make a nice circle. Add a bow to the front. I have added a small wood bow because I work in wood, but you could use a ribbon bow.

I have put a candle in the center made from a 4-inch piece of white chenille stem wrapped around a skewer (a knitting needle would also work for this step) The flame for the candle is available at hobby lobby in the Christmas decorations.

They are Tiny Christmas lights,

made from plastic, and come on a string; I just cut them apart for this project.

Glue the flame inside the chenille stem candle, and then glue the candle to the bottom center of the wreath. A hot glue gun works well for this step. You can further dress up your wreath with a little artificial snow. Or add some red beads in clusters of 2 or 3 to represent holly berries.