



WHY AN ADVENT CROWN

The Advent Wreath or Crown is a Christian tradition with candles representing the four weeks leading up to Christmas known as Advent, and one for Christmas Eve or Day – the Christ candle.

In our church we have had an Advent Crown for many years. As the candles are lit each week we have had a bible reading, prayer and meditation but have not always focused on what each candle is said to represent. This year as we have our Zoom services and a new candle is lit, we will. First week- HOPE, second – LOVE, third – JOY, fourth- PEACE. On Christmas Day as all the candles SHINE out we will remember that Jesus brings light into, and is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

IDEAS FOR AN ADVENT CROWN

JUST TO GET YOUR IMAGINATIONS GOING

A Natural Crown

You will need:

- A thin piece of wire about 60cm long depending on your plate size
- Large leaves collected from the park
- Gold or Silver spray (optional)
- Dinner plate
- Battery operated tealights or candles



HOW TO MAKE IT

1. Take your wire and thread each leaf onto the wire through the main vein of the leaf. This is best done before the leaves dry out.



2. Join the two ends of wire by twisting or knotting them together to make a ring of leaves, and leave it to dry out
3. When the leaves have dried it will be a very natural ring or if you wish spray with gold spray paint
4. Place the ring on a plate and put your candles in the centre



A Material Crown

YOU WILL NEED:

A dinner and smaller plate or bowl – the size of your choosing

Cereal packet or a piece of cardboard

Strips of material or ribbon– about 4cm wide and 25cm long - Christmas colours would be good

Gold spray & tin foil

Pencil

Scissors

PVA Glue

Battery tealights or candles



How to make it:

1. Take your piece of card and large plate and draw around the plate



2. Cut out the circle
3. Cut out the centre of circle big enough to be able to put your 5 candles in.
You may want to draw around a small plate, placed in the centre of the circle, to get a perfect ring
4. Spray your card ring with gold spray



5. Take your bits of material and cut them into 25cm lengths X 4cm wide
6. Spread a covering of glue on one side of the ring
7. Put a material strip around the cardboard ring and tie a knot
8. Repeat until the ring is full up – it is your choice if you want to keep the strips close together or have a gap between them
9. Cut out a star shape out of the left over cardboard, spray gold and leave to dry
10. Stick the star onto the ring as your central point



11. Take your dinner plate cover it with foil and put your ring on top. Place your candles in the centre.

A Holly Crown

YOU WILL NEED:

A cardboard ring following instructions as above

Tinsel

Dark green and bright red paper or print off the holly and berry template

Glue and scissors

Pencil

Dinner plate & tin foil

Battery candles or tealights



How to make it:

1. Wrap the tinsel around the ring



2. Draw around the holly template on your green paper for as many holly leaves as you want and cut them out
3. Do the same with the berry template on your red paper
4. Now with a dab of glue stick them onto the tinselled ring.



5. Put your ring on a dinner plate covered with foil and add the candles



HOLLY AND BERRY TEMPLATE

