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Danish Wreath and Banner

materials and tools

- One foam wreath
- $\frac{2}{3}$ yard of 60"-wide linen
- $\frac{1}{8}$ yard of coordinating fabrics
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of fusible web
- All-purpose polyester thread
- 4 yards of ribbon
- A handful of pins (these will stay in the wreath)
- 2 to 4 yards of attractive cording or trim for the garland
- A package of cake sticks (cake pop handles)
- Clear, gridded ruler
- Water-soluble fabric marker
- Steam iron
- Rotary cutter and mat (optional, but very helpful)

The wreath and garland are sewn from gorgeous Danish linen from Stof. They will give your Christmas décor a hint of the great north and an authentic Scandinavian look.

This wreath—wrapped in a long strip of bias tape—is merely pinned together. At the end of the season you will be able to use the bias tape to bind a quilt if you would like to reuse the fabric.



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step one

- Cut the linen fabric into 3"-wide bias strips. You can achieve this by folding the fabric on the bias (diagonal) and starting your first cut along the fold. To cover the wreath you will need at least seven yards of bias strips.

step two

- Sew the bias strips together:
 - ◊ Place two ends right sides together as shown in the photo.
 - ◊ Draw a line joining the two inner corners and place a pin on each side of the line.
 - ◊ Repeat with all your bias pieces until the strip is at least seven yards (twenty-one feet) long.

step three

- Stitch along the drawn lines.



step four

- Trim the excess fabric 1/4" from the stitching.
- Press the seam allowances open.



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step five

- Fold the bias in half, wrong sides together. Press well.



step six

- Pin the folded bias to the back of the wreath.

step seven

- Wrap the bias around the wreath, making sure to overlap the raw edges by only about ¼" or you will quickly run out of bias.

step eight

- When you have wrapped around the entire wreath, fold and press the excess bias, and pin as you wrap the wreath one last time.



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step nine

- Create a handle with the excess bias. Fold the end, wrap it around the wreath, and use two large pins to secure it in place. (These pins will be pulled out again when wrapping the ribbon.)



step ten

- Secure the ribbon with one of the large pins (see above) and wrap it around the wreath seven times.
- Secure the ribbon again and wrap it around the wreath in the opposite direction to create crosses.



step eleven

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step twelve

- For the flags, cut several 1½" x 6" rectangles of fabric and 1½" x 4" rectangles of fusible web.
- Fold the fabric rectangles in half and place the webbing on one side and the cake stick in the middle.



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step thirteen

- Fold the fabric over and press to fuse.



step fourteen

- Repeat this process for the garland, using trim instead of cake sticks, and spacing the flags 2" to 3" apart.



step fifteen

- The flag edges will need to be trimmed a little for stray threads. You can also cut triangles of fabric from the ends or leave them as they are.

step sixteen

- Insert flags into the wreath as desired, weaving the cake sticks under the crossed ribbons.

