

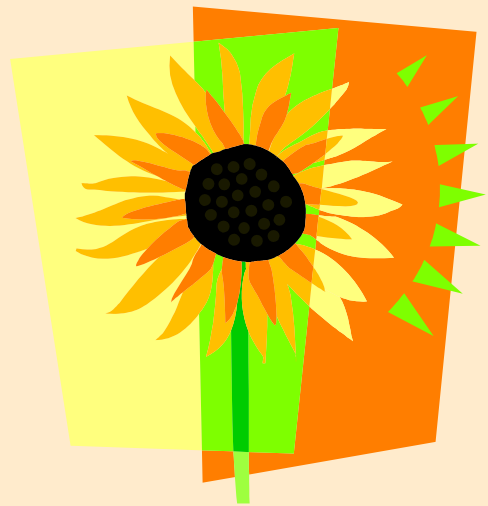
If you want to add even more of a decorative touch to your wreath while providing tasty treats to the birds try homemade garland.

Use sewing thread to string unsalted popcorn or dried cranberries. Make your garland long enough so that it can be wrapped around your wreath like a ribbon and secured on both ends.



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Sunflower Wreaths For the Birds...



Take advantage of the drying foliage and left over seed heads in your garden by turning them into decorative food for the birds.

Fall is here and to many that means a renewed effort to attract Ohio's over wintering bird species to their backyard. In addition to traditional birdfeeders, why not create an attractive sunflower wreath full of tasty treats for your winged friends. Not only will it attract birds to your backyard, but it will double as decoration for your landscape at the same time.



What you will need:

12" to 16" straw wreath base

A variety of any of the following:

Bittersweet branches

Sprays of rosehips

Strawberry corn (on the cob)

Seed heads from...

Small sunflowers

Purple coneflowers

Black-eyed Susans

Ornamental grass

Wheat, rye or barley

Safflower

Floral picks

Floral pins

Medium gauge floral wire

The plant materials used in your wreath need to be dried. You can either collect them from the plants you have growing around your house, or purchase them at local nurseries, nature stores or craft stores. If you choose purchased plant material be sure that it is untreated!



Pick a starting point on the wreath and begin attaching the seed heads and other materials in rows using the fabric picks or pins. Overlap the stems from the first row with the next and continue this process until the entire wreath is covered.

When you are done decorating, make a hanger out of the floral wire by twisting it around the top of your wreath. Now hang and watch the birds enjoy your creation.

