



# Winter Workshop – Wreath making

## **Materials needed:**

Foraged material from around your Garden or permitted outside space. (Please collect responsibly with permission from the landowner.)

## **Basic Structure:**

Willow Whips, ideally one-year-old growth around 1.5 – 2m lengths

Dogwood / Cornus whips (Red and Green) if available or other suitable lengths of shrub/woody plant.

## **Decoration:**

Various evergreen cuttings such as Conifers, Holly, Ivy

Interesting branches / foliage – Twisted willow, hazel & alder or Beech twigs with catkins

Dried teasels, Seed heads, pine cones, larch twigs with small cones.

## **Additional Touches:**

Ribbons, Beads, Buttons (ideally repurposing or recyclable items)

## **Other equipment:**

Scissors, Twine or florist wire for securing foliage and decorations.

## **Method:**

1. Take your willow whips and manipulate them by bending gently to form a ring.
2. Hold in shape securely whilst you wrap one after the other around each other to create the size of wreath/ table decoration that you require.
3. These can be secured with twine but should hold together easily.
4. Be careful of your eyes when bending the whips, the use of your glasses or safety glasses are advisable.
5. Create bunches of foliage secured by twine, leaving enough length of twine to then secure to your wreath.
6. Even with the same materials you can create a wealth of variations of decoration, so it is an opportunity to get creative.
7. Add any additional touches and ribbons and finally tie a loop at the top for hanging.
8. Enjoy your creation over the festive season and then compost or recycle.
9. The base can be stripped down and saved in a cool dry space to be reused again.