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Garlands

Today on Gardening in a Minute: garlands.

Garlands are a wonderful holiday tradition brought by early settlers and date back as far as Greek and Roman times.

Ropes of garland can be made from evergreen trees like pine, spruce, and cedar. Evergreen material is relatively easy to work with as it's quite pliable.

Cut branches ranging in lengths from six to twelve inches long. Overlap the branches and attach them using twine or wire.

Decorate your garland with pine cones, acorns, and dried flowers. Add some ribbons or bows, or even hang lights and ornaments from it, just as you do on the tree.

Take a walk in the woods and find various species of evergreen to add interest, texture and variety.

Use your own imagination and bring some of nature's beauty home for the holidays.

For more information about garlands and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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