The Witch Wreath Project

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For a few years now, my sister Juanita has been leading crafting workshops for a community outreach program in her area. She volunteers her time, and participants pay only the cost of materials.

Every few weeks, Juanita comes up with a new project that the group can recreate, and in the latest session, the ladies made this scary Witch Wreath, just in time for Halloween.





As a foundation for her witchy decor, my sister covered a styrofoam wreath form with burlap ribbon for a rustic, homespun look. Artificial fall foliage, wired and glued to the wreath, provides a burst of fall colour and a perfect frame for the witch's face.



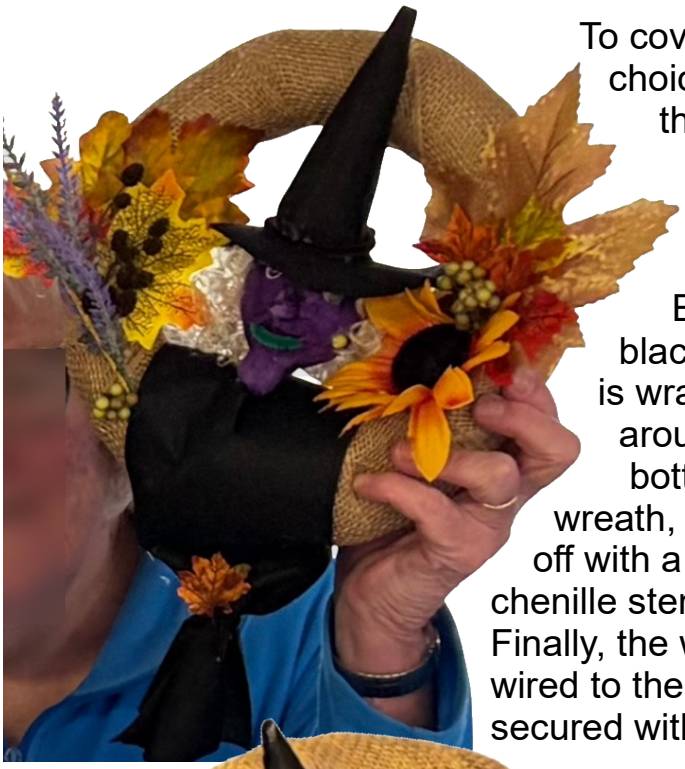
To build the witch's head, my sister assembled a "skull" from two styrofoam balls, a large one for the head and a smaller one for the chin; a chenille stem provided a foundation for the nose.



To complete the face, my sister covered the whole structure with a skin of green paper-twist ribbon. She then finished the head with a pair of googly eyes, a pointy felt hat, and hair made of vintage Phentex yarn.







To cover their witches' faces, crafters were given a choice between purple paper twist and the green that my sister used for her prototype, so you'll notice some variety in the witches' complexions.



Each witch sports a black felt cape, which is wrapped and glued around the centre bottom of the wreath, then tied off with a bit of chenille stem or ribbon. Finally, the witch head is wired to the wreath and secured with glue.





Each crafter selected her own combination of foliage and trims. Some added additional ribbon trim, and some chose curly doll hair instead of the Phentex yarn to make their witch's hair.

In general, the finished wreaths are quite individual, reflecting the tastes and the skill levels of the participants.

I must say that I like this spider web style ribbon that a couple of the crafters selected to wrap over top of the burlap. It's a perfect Halloween touch.







These spooky Witch Wreaths are a fun way to celebrate the season and to delight trick-or-treaters at the door. Hopefully they won't be too scary: one participant reports that when she hung up her wreath at home, it frightened her little dog!



It looks as though my sister scored another success with this project; the workshoppers all seem delighted with their Witch Wreaths, and rightly so. As always, everyone, a job well done!