

## Braided Wreath - Left Opening

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1 - Braid 5 sets or 15 loops (medium weight wool, 1-1/2" wide strips about 18" long).

2 - Place marking pin in the top layer of the second loop down on the diagonal where it first emerges from the braid. Place second pin 12 loops down in the same strand.

3 - Unbraid and cut the marked strand on the diagonal, adding 1/4" seam allowance on each end.

4 - Use this first strand as a template for the other strands. Cut a second strand the same as the first. For the third strand, cut one end but just mark the other end and leave a few extra inches. It is helpful to have this be the lightest color strand. Mark the right side of all strands with a pin.

5 - Leaving the third & longest strand free, sew the first and second strands into loops with 1/4" seam allowance.

6 - Fold the two loops as for braiding and hand stitch all around. Optional - fold and stitch most of the third strand leaving a few inches unsewn at each end.

7 - Place the unsewn strip on the Start pin about 1/2" from the top. Place the 2 loops on the pin staggering the seams. The unsewn strip is on the **right** side of the Start pin. Start braiding with the **left** loop over the center. Braid 12 loops (4 sets) counting on the right. Both ends of light strand will be on the same side. Pull the ends, cut on the marked line and sew ends together with a 1/4" seam allowance. Refold and hand stitch the opening. Adjust the braid.

8 - Adjust the braid so the loops are even and the seams are hidden. Press flat. Add hanging loop and bow or bells.



## Braided Wreath - Right Opening:

Same as above... except place the loose strand on the **left** side of the Start pin and begin braiding with the **right** loop over the center.