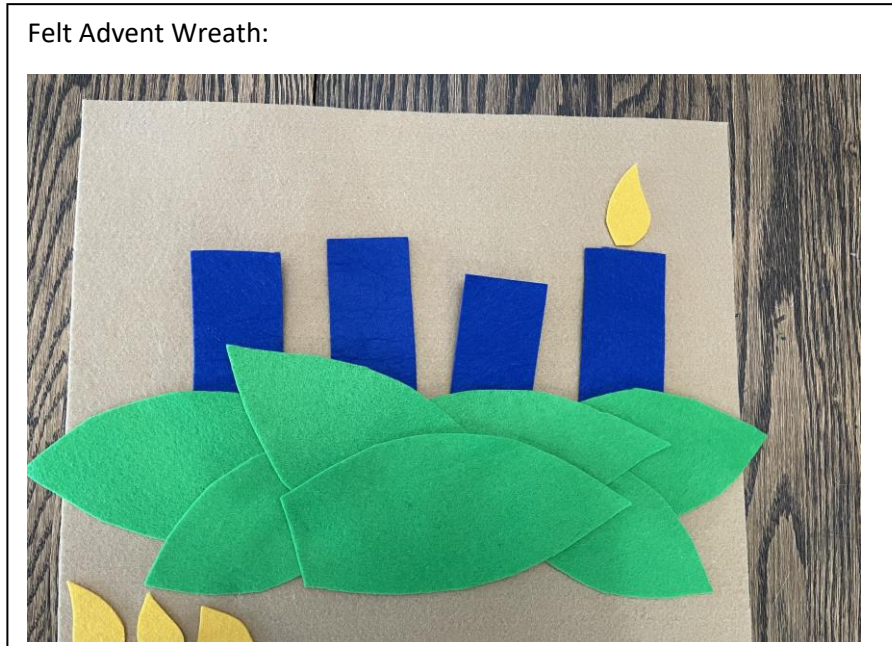


# Faith at Home: Advent Wreath

## **Advent Wreath Ideas:** (Supply list and Instructions below)

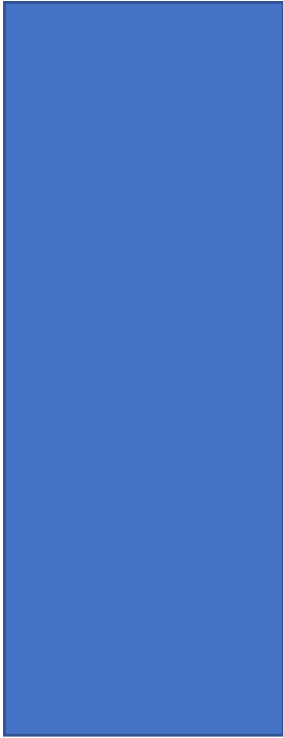
### **Felt Advent Wreath**



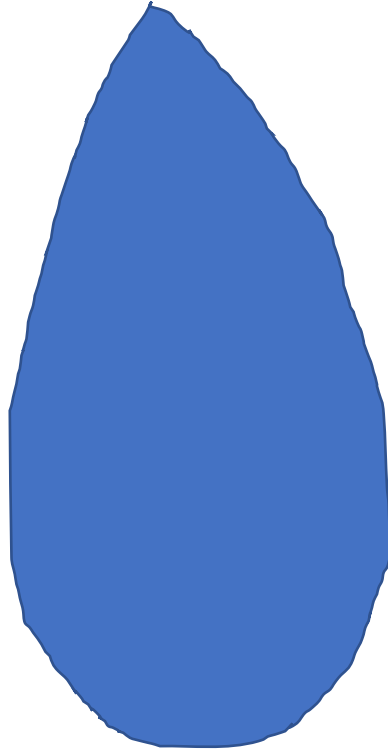
- **Supplies Needed:**
  - Felt (you'll need 4 colors. 1 color for background, 1 color for candles, 1 color for greenery, and 1 color for flames)
  - Scissors
- **Instructions:**
  - Use the following images as templates. Cut 4 candles out of one color of felt, cut 4 flames out of another color, and cut as many pieces of greenery as your youth would like.
    - This wreath idea needs no glue or adhesive, but rather is a fun way for the youngest among us to create and re-create their advent wreath throughout the

season. Have youth place candle pieces on the background, cover with the greenery, and top each candle with their flame.

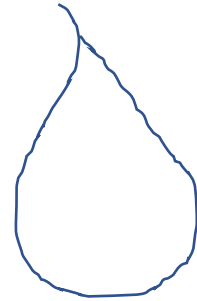
Candle Template (4)



Greenery Template



Flame Template (4)



## Stained Glass Advent Wreath

Stained Glass Advent Wreath:



### - **Supplies Needed:**

- Construction paper
- Contact paper
- Tissue Paper
- Scissors

### - **Instructions:**

- Make the Candles:
  - Cut your contact paper into 4 x 6 inch strips. You will need 8 of them (2 per candle)
  - Using the construction paper and tissue paper fill in each candle with designs.
    - You can make construction paper borders, stripes, circles etc.
    - Place those on the sticky side of one piece of contact paper first and fill the remainder in with tissue.
    - Whatever is tissue paper will be lit up by the sunshine when hung in the window.
    - Once you've covered one piece of contact paper, back it with another piece of 4 x 6 inch contact paper.
- Make the greenery:
  - Trace your youths hand on different shades of green paper. Cut out and tape to the bottom of each candle
- Hang 4 candles in your window.

- Light your first candle on November 29<sup>th</sup> by placing a construction paper flame to the top of your first candle. Then light an additional candle each week in Advent.

### **Salt Dough Advent Wreath**

Salt Dough Advent Wreath:



### **Supplies:**

- Salt
- Flour
- Water
- Food Coloring if desired
- Paper plate
- 4 Candles (tea light or taper candles work best) or glass beads

### **Instructions:**

- Mix the Salt dough using this recipe (<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/240641/salt-dough/>)
- Once salt dough is playdough consistency, roll it out into a long rope. Make sure the rope remains at least 1 ½ inches thick.
- Decide which shape you'd like your advent wreath to be in (line, circle, square, coil etc.) and place on the paper plate (this will be its base)
- Using the candles or glass beads, press the candles or glass beads into the salt dough to make the imprint of holes and let it dry.
- Then each Sunday in Advent, add a candle to light or fill the hole with one of your glass beads as a way to mark this season of waiting and anticipation.

### **Other Advent Wreath Ideas:**

- Playdough
  - o Use store bought Playdough or make your own (<https://www.iheartnaptime.net/play-dough-recipe/>)
  - o You can decide as a family what works best for you, either sit down before Sunday November 29th to make your playdough wreath and let it dry that way, just adding new flames each week OR make it anew each day so your playdough stays pliable!
- Duplo Blocks or Legos
  - o Get creative using the blocks in your home. Candles can be of different shapes and sizes, and you may place them in a wreath or a line! Have fun finding the perfect block to top each candle as the flame each week!
- Greenery and Candles
  - o Collect Evergreen boughs from outside and place them around your candles. These candles can be of any size!

Get creative and make your own family Advent Wreath as we walk together through this season of anticipation, joy and wonder.

**Then post a picture of your families Advent Wreath on our River of Hope Facebook Page using the #RoHAdvent2020**