



## Dahlia Book Page Wreaths

Thank you for coming to our first Bombshell Redesign class at Way Public Library! We hope this inspires you to look around and find other things that can be repurposed for a more beautiful world! Below are the general steps for a Dahlia Book Page Wreath but keep in mind, the more you experiment, the more creative you can get to make each wreath uniquely your own.

Supplies:

- (1) Cardboard circle: these wreaths can be made any size. We recommend starting between 8" and 12". TIP: Look through the recycling to find unused cardboard!
- (1) Glue gun
- (1) Ball bearing compass: use to make your circle to cut out and also a guideline for the first row of petals
- (1) Old book: tear the pages as evenly as possible from the book - rips can affect your petals' edges
- Scissors or paper cutter: definitely recommend the latter if available!
- 6" of twine or ribbon
- Extra fun: scrapbook printed paper, additional twine/ribbon

Step (1): Prepare Your Pages

You may find it easier to pull the pages from a book after removing the cover. This is especially easy if using a paperback. Simply peel back the cover to expose the spine. Remove the pages with as little ripping as possible.

Once your pages are out, it's time to start cutting! You'll need anywhere from 70-120 4"x4" squares of paper, depending on the size of your wreath. You will also need 4-8 3"x3" squares for the center of your dahlia.

### Step (2): Prepare Your Circle

Use your ball bearing compass to draw your circle to the desired size then cut it out. Once it's cut, use the compass to draw a circle an inch smaller on the cardboard. This will guide your first row of petals. I also recommend marking the center of the circle for reference later.

Next, poke two holes into the cardboard near the top of the circle about 1.5" apart. Use your twine or ribbon to loop through both holes, knotting them on the side where your additional circle is drawn. This will be the hook to hang your wreath on a wall. This is a good time to decorate the back of your wreath, if you are so inclined!

### Step (3): Petals, Petals, PETALS!

Once you get the flow, this will be easier but it may take a minute! Grab two opposite corners of a square and roll together making a cone shape. The open part of the cone will be exposed on your wreath so be aware of the directionality of the words/paper if you want continuity. Dab some glue where the pages meet to hold the petal together. Repeat with all of your squares, both sizes.

### Step (4): Attach the Petals

Using the drawn circle as a guide, start gluing the base of your petals onto the cardboard approximately 1" apart. It is OK for this first layer to hang over the edges of the cardboard. The next layer of petals will be placed between the existing row(s). As you near the center of the circle with your petals, they will begin to stand up giving your wreath a 3-D effect. Adjust the placement of your glue to ensure your petals are securely attached. Once you've reached the center of your wreath, switch to the smaller petals. You might have to get creative with glue placement to make sure they stick on the cardboard or nearby petals.

### Step (5): Give Yourself a High Five

You're done! Admire your work and do your happy dance because now you've taken unused "junk" and created a gorgeous wreath that will look amazing with any decor! And with how light-weight it is, you can hang it anywhere (even from a Command strip). Well done!



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