

### Christmas Wreath (pretzels)

This is a fun idea for Christmas. Have the boys make a wreath for themselves and another to give away to the elderly in your neighborhood. Next week, deliver the craft and sing a Christmas carol. Be sure to call and make appointments several days in advance and to call the people the day before to remind them again.

#### Materials Needed:

1. 27 small pretzels (about 1 ½" wide).
2. Small red bow (about 3" across).
3. 6" of red ribbon or knitting yarn to make loop for hanging.
4. White glue, wax paper.

#### Before the meeting:

1. Assemble materials.
2. Cut wax paper into 1' x 1' pieces.

#### Assembly at the meeting:

1. Have boys layout a circle of 9 pretzels onto wax paper (use wax paper so the pretzels/glue won't stick to the table!).
2. Use white glue to coat the top surface of these pretzels.
3. Add another layer of 9 pretzels, alternating so they overlap the pretzels beneath.
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6. Let dry until the next meeting. Boys can eat the leftover pretzels!



**Hint:** Come back tomorrow and pick up each 'pretzel wreath'. If any of the pretzels are loose, add more white glue.

#### Next meeting:

1. Attach bow and yarn (for hanging).
2. Be careful, these are fragile! Put pretzel wreaths in a box with some padding and take the boys to deliver them! Don't forget to take a camera and get some photos of the boys singing and delivering their wreaths.

Stop by a convenience store or ice cream shop and get the boys a treat for a good job, well done!