

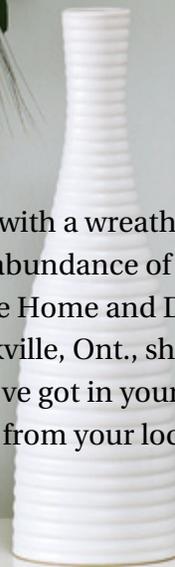
Autumn Glory

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Celebrate the harvest with a wreath that rounds up all the colour and abundance of the season. The designers at Circle Home and Design, based in Burlington and Oakville, Ont., show you how. Simply pick what you've got in your own garden, then fill in with extras from your local florist. ▶



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YOU NEED:

Floral-foam wreath base, 16 in in diameter*

2-in wide ribbon or several strands of raffia, approx 1 m (39½ in) long

1 or 2 bundles of fresh salal* and, if available, bay laurel,* with stems cut into lengths of 12.5 to 20.5 cm (5 to 8 in) having 2 to 4 leaves each

Floral material, with stems trimmed approx 12.5 cm (5-in) down from flowers, as follows:

Approx 5 dozen stems, each, of safflower, sage, tansy and yarrow
 Approx 3 dozen stems, each, of bearded wheat, lady's mantle and oregano

Accents as follows:

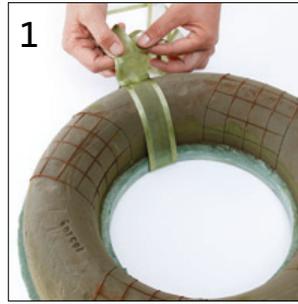
Approx 12 red peppers
 Approx 9 hydrangea flowers
 Approx 3 garlic bulbs
 3 to 4 dried slices of quince
 1 sunflower on 12.5 cm (5-in) stem

Wired, wooden floral picks, each 4-in long*

Secateurs, for cutting stems

*Available at floral supply stores

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TO MAKE:

- 1 With ends even, tie ribbon around wreath base at top, then tie ends together with overhand knot to make hanging loop.
- 2 Working counterclockwise from top, push stems of salal and bay laurel, held at sharp angle, into base to cover front and sides.
- 3 With each type of floral material, form 9 small bundles of 3 to 7 stems each. One at a time, hold pick, point down, against stem ends of each bundle and wire together.
- 4 Push picks firmly into base, combining 2 or 3 picks of each material into 3 to 5 vignettes, at more or less regular intervals around base.
- 5 One at a time, wire each accent and sunflower onto pick, then push into base where desired.

DESIGNERS' TIPS

- Your wreath will look its best if you limit your choice of floral material to about seven different types, selecting pleasing colour combinations and varied textures – then add the accents!
- If you purchase all the materials, the wreath will cost about \$120 to make.

OTHER FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE YOU CAN TRY

- Boxwood can stand in for the bay laurel.
- Replace or complement the floral material and accents with stems of the dried seed heads of clematis, coneflowers or poppies; grasses or barley; rose hips, silver dollars or straw flowers; sprigs of rosemary or thyme; Chinese lanterns; crab apples; tiny gourds; dried lemons or pomegranates; or grapevine.

DECOR tip

Gather herbs, flowers and autumn leaves, such as lavender, thyme, rosemary and maple leaves, to create a beautiful Thanksgiving centrepiece or bouquet. See contest, page 88.