

# Military Appreciation Wreath

### Supplies:

- Metal wreath frame
- Camouflage print fabric (1 yard)
- Patriotic print fabric (½ yard)
- Burlap ribbon
- Yellow ribbon
- Fabric scissors
- Hot glue gun and glue



### Steps:

	<p>Step 1: Fold the camouflage print fabric in half and lay it flat on a hard surface.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Using fabric scissors, cut the fabric into 1-inch wide by 5-inch long strips. Repeat until you have around 100 to 150 strips. (Ask a parent for help with this process).</p>
	<p>Step 3: Tie each camouflage strip individually in a knot around the wreath's inner wire ring. Continue filling the wire rings, working from the inside out, until most of the wreath is covered with camouflage strips. (You might want help from family or friends with this step.)</p>
	<p>Step 4: Fold the patriotic print fabric in half and cut it into 1-inch wide by 5-inch long strips, like the camouflage fabric. Repeat until you have around 10 to 20 patriotic strips for accents.</p>



	<p>Step 5: Tie the patriotic strips randomly around the entire wreath to fill the gaps and add patriotic flair.</p>
	<p>Step 6: Cut the burlap ribbon into three 5-inch long strips and tie them evenly around the wreath to add a rugged touch.</p>
	<p>Step 7: Cut a 10-inch yellow ribbon, fold it in half to create a loop, and secure it with a small dot of hot glue where the ends overlap.</p>
	<p>Step 8: Apply a dot of hot glue to the bottom right corner of the wreath and attach the yellow ribbon loop to show support for American troops.</p>
	<p>Step 10: Hang the wreath to remember and honor our U.S. military.</p>

### **What are the different branches of the U.S. military, and what do they do?**

The U.S. military consists of several branches, each with distinct roles. The Army is the oldest and largest branch, responsible for ground-based military operations. The Navy protects the nation's interests on, above, and below the water globally. The Air Force provides rapid air mobility, capable of reaching any location worldwide within hours. The Marine Corps specializes in amphibious combat operations, serving both on land and at sea. The Coast Guard focuses on maritime safety, security, and environmental protection. The Space Force safeguards U.S.

interests and operations in space. Finally, the Army and Air National Guard support homeland security, emergency response, and other domestic missions.

**Fun Facts:**

- Our military continues to protect our freedom in America and around the world.
- A yellow ribbon traditionally symbolizes support for American troops.
- It is a sign of respect and appreciation to our military to stand in the presence of military personnel and say, "Thank you for your service."

**Extension Activity:**

Create Thank You Cards: After completing the wreath, have the children make simple "Thank You" cards for troops. Provide construction paper, markers, stickers, and other decorations. Encourage them to draw pictures and write short, simple messages like "Thank you for keeping us safe!" or "We appreciate you!" Once the cards are finished, collect all the cards and send them to a local military organization, VA hospital, or a service member program.