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## Make a popcorn and cranberry Christmas garland

Try a traditional American homespun Christmas decorating idea

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This is a traditional American Christmas decoration that works very well if you've chosen a red and white Christmas colour scheme, or a natural decorations theme. Children will enjoy making this garland and, if you hang it outside, birds will enjoy eating it!

### You will need...

- strong thread
- needle
- fresh cranberries
- popcorn

Day-old air-popped popcorn is best because it's less likely to crumble, and less greasy to the touch, but freshly made

(or freshly bought) works perfectly well.

Thread the needle (you may wish to double the thread). Now push cranberries and popcorn on to the thread. You can alternate or go for groups of three, or any pattern you like. Short sections of five pieces look good hung vertically on the end of a branch. Tie a knot when you've finished threading, and hang your garland.

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