

Happy Holidays!

## DIY Wooden Garland

- Find a branch that has fallen in your yard (or on while on a nature walk!)
  - Preferably birch, as the bark adds a nice touch!
- Carefully cut the branch into ~0.5" thick medallions. Depending on what you want your garland to say will determine how many pieces you will need.
- Once you have your medallions, drill a hole into the top of each piece
- Paint the interior of one side black, leaving a boarder around the edge
- Using a stencil or freehand, paint the letters to spell out a festive word. IE, "Merry"
- Tie jute, ribbon, or string through each medallion to create a small loop
- String beads and your medallions onto a long piece of jute, ribbon, or string
  - I used jute and wooden beads of various sizes. As well, tie knots on either side of the bead segments to keep everything in place.
- Finish off with ribbon, bows, bells, or any décor of your choosing!

This method also works well for creating DIY ornaments and is perfect for children—just find a “fat” enough branch for their artwork! Pictures next page.

