Paper Plate Wreath Activity

**ACTIVITY PLAN:**

**Group Activity**

* Recommended size group is 10 -15 residents. Depending on the amount of assistance that is needed, more residents may be able to join.
* Have residents fold paper plates in half and cut the middle out to make about a 2-inch paper plate border. Assist as needed.
* **Fall wreath:**
	+ Glue leaves onto paper plate with stems facing towards the center, making sure to overlap them so the plate does not show through.
	+ Clip off stems with scissors.
	+ Tie a ribbon in a bow and glue to the top or bottom of the wreath.
	+ Cut another piece of ribbon, forms a loop, and glue to the back of the wreath for hanging.
* **Patriotic wreath:**
	+ Draw stars onto red, white, and blue construction paper, use star shaped paper punch, or trace the inside of a star shaped cookie cutter, and then cut the stars out.
	+ Glue stars to wreath, overlapping them.
	+ Tie a ribbon in a bow and glue to the top or bottom of the wreath.
	+ Cut another piece of ribbon, form a loop, and glue to the back of the wreath for hanging.

**How its
Done**

**Objective**

* Engage fine motor skills
* Leisure skill development
* Increase socialization
* Encourage creativity
* Paper Plates
* Fresh Fall leaves, colored construction paper, or scrap book paper depending on the wreath theme
* Scissors
* Paper punch or cookie cutters depending on wreath theme
* Assorted ribbons to match wreath theme

**Equipment**

**Size of Group**

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**How its
Done**

* **Easter wreath:**
	+ Trace the inside of an Easter egg-shaped cookie cutter onto colorful Spring/Easter scrapbook paper.
	+ Cut out eggs.
	+ Glue eggs to wreath with top of the eggs facing out and overlapping.
	+ Tie a ribbon in a bow and glue it to the top or bottom of the wreath.
	+ Cut another piece of ribbon, form a loop, and glue to the back of the wreath for hanging.
* **Christmas wreath:**
	+ Cut strips of light and dark green construction paper, long enough to loop through the center of the plate.
	+ Cut one white strip of paper per wreath.
	+ Loop green paper through the center hole of wreath, fold and glue the ends together.
	+ While that dries, cut out small red and white circles.
	+ Once dry, cut little triangles out of the ends of the green paper, to make them look more like evergreen branches.
	+ Glue red and white dots onto wreath.
	+ Fold remaining white strip of paper accordion style, leaving it somewhat scrunched up. This will be a candle in the center of the wreath.
	+ Cut yellow and orange paper to resemble a flame.
	+ Glue “flame” to top of white paper, and attach “candle” to the bottom center of wreath.
	+ Tie a ribbon in a bow and glue it to the top or bottom of the wreath.
	+ Cut another piece of ribbon, form a loop, and glue to the back of the wreath for hanging.
* **Hanukkah wreath:**
	+ Trace the inside of Hanukkah themed cookie cutters. (dreidel/menorah, etc.) onto Hanukkah themed scrap paper or blue/white/silver construction paper.
	+ Cut out shapes.
	+ Glue shapes to wreath with tops facing out.
	+ Tie a ribbon in a bow and glue it to the top or bottom of the wreath.
	+ Cut another piece of ribbon, form a loop, and glue to the back of the wreath for hanging.