



Make a Christmas wreath

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Braided Wreath

A creative use for this project is as a punch bowl holder.

Make the wreath to fit the diameter of the punch bowl.

Place the wreath on a table with the bow in front and set the punch bowl in the center.

Materials

1/4 yard red calico

1/4 yard solid green calico

1/4 yard white Christmas calico

Poly-Fil stuffing

4-inch wide red ribbon for bow

Decorations such as pine cones, tiny balls, ribbons, bells, etc.

Directions

All measurements for cutting fabric include a 1/4-inch seam allowance.

Cut the following:

Red calico - 1 strip 6 inches by 45 inches

Green calico - 1 strip 6 inches by 45 inches

White calico - 1 strip 6 inches by 45 inches

To assemble:

1. With right sides facing and raw edges aligned, fold each strip in half lengthwise and press.

2. Stitch along the long edge and across one end.

3. Trim seam and turn right-side out.

4. Stuff each tube firmly with stuffing.

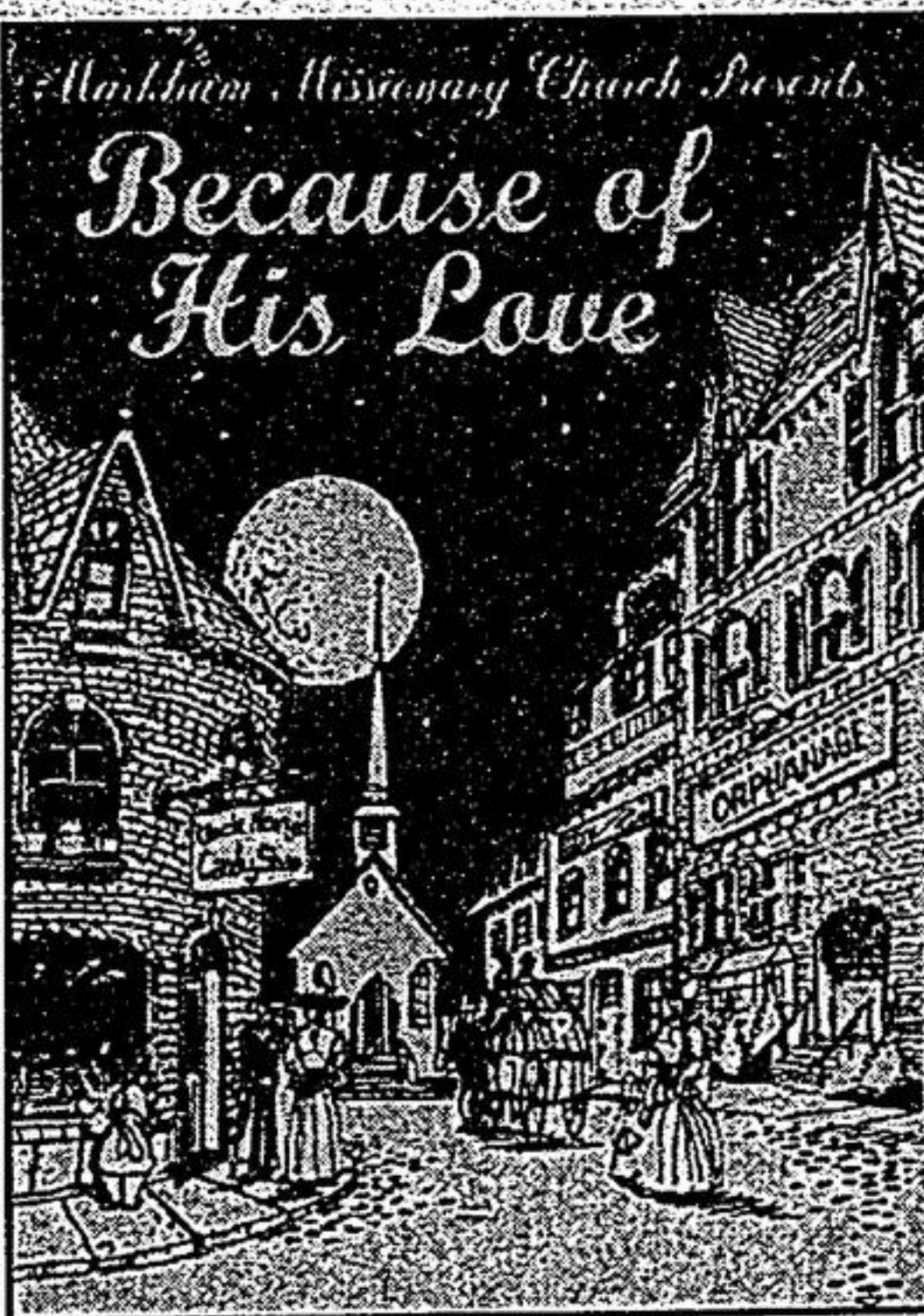
5. Pin the open ends of all three tubes together.

6. Braid the tubes together and form the braid into a circle. Stitch the ends together.

7. Turn the wreath so that the stitched ends are at the top.

8. Make a fat bow with the wide ribbon and secure it over the joined ends. Add decorations all around if desired.

9. If you are making this project as a punch bowl holder, the joined ends with the ribbon bow should be in front and the ends of the ribbon spread on the table or hanging over the front of the buffet.



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