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Recently when we made the Scandinavian Advent cube, we also made a very simple little holder for a Christmas count down candle, which I picked up on a recent trip to Denmark.

Then I made a white paper wreath for it. This is a very versatile wreath, so even if a count down candle isn't your thing, this wreath can be used for many other things in your Christmas decor.

I have included a free download with the cut file and pdf template so that you can make one easily.

For the Advent cube we used smaller copper fittings, but the candle I am using for this project is a 1 inch, so that is the size fitting I got. I got a small block of wood at the hardware store. Can you guess what it is? I have turned it over and am using it wrong side up. Scroll down to see.

First I sanded the wood, mostly to remove a very stubborn price sticker. We drilled a pilot hole into the block of wood and drilled a hole into the copper fitting. Full tutorial on how to do that here.

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Then we secured the fitting to the base with a 3/4 inch screw

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Next I whittled around the base of the candle to make it fit. Did you guess what the block of wood was? It is a decorative corner case molding. It was just around a dollar at the hardware store. This is a project you can make without owning a saw of any kind.

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After the candle holder was made, which I believe it took the better part of 5 minutes, I made a paper wreath for it.

First I made a wire form for the wreath by tying some wire around a rolling pin. Then I twisted the wire around itself where it overlapped. I made sure the wire form was much wider than the fitting and only just held up by the corners of the candle stick. This is so that there is room for the leaves later.

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Next, I drew a leaf shape and made it into a cricut file and cut out 30. I made them 3 inches long and that made it so that 15 fit on one 8.5 x 11 sheet of white cardstock. I am using 65 lbs white cardstock from the office supply store. Nothing fancy.

I gave each leave a good squeeze to give it some texture. When making something like this in all white, the interest comes from the shadows that are created between the shapes. Forming the shapes help produce more of those shadows.

I added a little bit of hot glue to the stems like you see below on the right.

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Then I stuck the leaves to the wire form, lifting it up so I wouldn't glue it to the table.

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I kept going until I made it all the way around. Then I had eight leaves left, so I turned over the wreath and put one round of eight leaves to hide the wire and make the wreath more finished looking.

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Then I slipped the wreath onto the candle stick.

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I think this wreath would also look darling in gold or maybe a two tone green. You can take this project in so many directions. If you make your own, I would love to see. Use the hashtag #ahomeforcrafts on Instagram if you do.

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Now we are ready to countdown to the 24th which is when we celebrate Christmas - a tradition we have brought with us from Denmark to California.

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