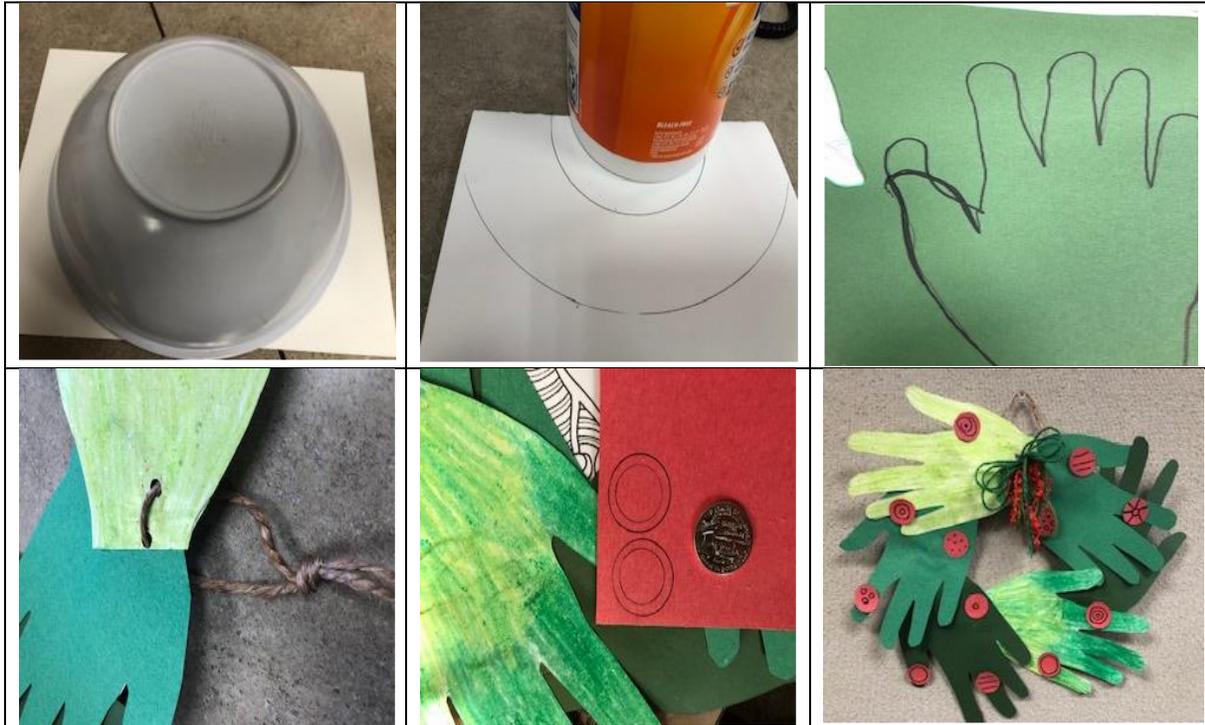


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Thanksgiving has passed and we are looking forward to winter skies and another festive time of year. We are going to celebrate this special time with a holly wreath made with your own hand (print). Wreaths made from evergreens and holly berries were symbols of joy in classical times. The holly berry is an important food for winter for wild life to survive. Hung on the door or window, some believe it symbolizes growth and good life. You can make one for your home or give it to a friend or neighbor to invite good cheer and joy!



1-Draw a circle on a piece of paper or cardboard. You can trace around a bowl you may have at home. Make a smaller circle in the center. Cut out this small circle to make a ring. Trace your handprint on green paper. You can use white paper and color the prints before you cut them out. You will need a few hands to go all the way around the circle. You might get handprints from different family members or friends to add to your wreath. Cut out all the prints. Glue or staple them around the ring covering all the edges. You can add as many as you like. Make two holes at the top of the wreath. Put a string or yarn through to make a hanger.

2-For the holly berries, you can trace around a quarter or any coin to make circles. Decorate the circles or make different sizes and shades of red. You can add a bow at the top with string, yarn, ribbon or even strips of colored paper. If you like, you can add a message to your wreath with warm wishes of joy, good cheer, or just a big welcome.

*Try your hand at this festive wreath!*

