

# When Creativity Knocks

All-Star Designers Holiday Series



## Recycled Cardboard Halloween Bat Wreath

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**Materials:**

- Cardboard
- Heavy duty scissors
- DecoArt® ([www.decoart.com](http://www.decoart.com))
  - Americana Decor™ Chalky Finish Paint
    - Heritage
    - Carbon
    - Relic
    - Whisper
- Beacon Adhesives®
  - Tacky Glue, 3-in-1 Adhesive, or hot glue gun
- Seasonal ribbon
- Paintbrush
- Wooden block
- Scissors
- Bowls to trace, paper plates

**Instructions:**

1. Trace bowl to make pattern. Cut out wreath. Repeat making two additional rings, each slightly smaller - you will end up with 3 sizes.
2. To add dimension, cut small pieces of cardboard and mount multiple sets of 3-4 pieces on backs of wreath with hot glue gun.
3. Trace or draw bat shapes on cardboard, cut out.
4. To create faux distressed tin effect, paint entire wreath with Whisper Chalky Finish paint. Let dry.
5. Place a small amount of Relic Chalky Finish paint into plate. Dip wooden block into paint, and lightly drag around surface of each layer. Let dry.
6. Repeat with Heritage Chalky Finish paint.
7. Paint bats with Carbon Chalky Finish paint. Let dry. Add layers of cardboard scraps beneath bats and mount to wreath as desired.
8. Tie bow from seasonal ribbon and mount to wreath.