

Grape Bunch Wine Cork Ornament

What you will need:

8 Wine corks (preferably from red wine bottles)

14 inches (35.5cm) of green ribbon (no wider than ½ inch)

Green felt (at least 3 inches square)

Wood glue

Masking tape

1 thumb tack

Pair of scissors

Brown or black marker

Pencil

Iron

Leaf Pattern (below)



Procedure:

1. Start with four corks. Arrange in rhombus (diamond) shape with stained side up. Squeeze a thin bead of glue along the side of two of the corks and press all four together. Twist them a little to spread the glue. Wrap masking tape around the rhombus to help it hold its shape. Allow to dry completely over several hours.
2. Remove the masking tape. Take two more corks and squeeze a thin bead of glue on both. Take the prettiest one and stick it below the rhombus between the two corks on the bottom. Take the second cork and glue it in line with the two at the top of the rhombus. Wrap the whole cluster with masking tape again and allow to dry.
3. Remove masking tape. Squeeze a thin bead of glue on the final two corks. Stick them above the row of three corks in the recesses between corks. Wrap with masking tape and allow to dry.
4. Trace a grape leaf shape onto the felt with pattern and cut it out. Draw veins on the leaf with a marker as indicated on the pattern.

5. Cut 14 inches of ribbon. Wrap 5 inches of the ribbon around a pencil and press with a hot iron on the lowest setting no longer than 5 seconds. Allow to cool.
6. Unwrap the ribbon. Squeeze a dot of glue in the crevice between two corks at the top of the bunch. Stick the leaf to the “U” of the leaf to the spot.
7. Loop the flat end of the ribbon to meet the beginning of the curl to form a loop. Apply additional glue to the “U” of the leaf and stick the loop to the leaf at the “U”. Push a thumb tack through both layers of ribbon and the leaf to secure. Allow the tendril to hang down. Dot the end of the tendril with a very small amount of glue to prevent fraying.
8. Allow to dry. Then hang or give to a wine lover.



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