

Whole star anise

Inner embroidery hoop (between 15-20cm)

Strong glue

Ribbon or twine

Optional: dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks, greenery



What do I do?

Look through your star anise and remove any broken ones that won't look good on your wreath. Don't throw them away though, as you can save these to use in cooking.

Use your strong glue (or a hot glue gun if you have one) to stick each star anise onto your embroidery hoop. Hold it down gently with your fingers for 30 seconds or so until the glue begins to harden.

Work your way around the entire circle, gluing your star anise next to each other.

For an even more festive wreath you could add other materials like cinnamon sticks, dried orange slices or greenery, such as pine sprigs.

To make dried orange pieces cut your orange into slices about 0.5cm thick and lay them out on a cooling rack. Put the rack on the middle shelf of an oven preheated to 90°C for 1-2 hours, flipping the orange slices over halfway through. Remove from the oven and leave on the cooling rack overnight until they are fully dry.

Once you're happy with your wreath, tie some ribbon or twine to one end and hang it on your front door for everyone to see and enjoy the fragrant spices.