

Getting Ready Front Hall

by Phoebe Martin

Items used:

- #4577 12-Pc. Sacred Fève Nativity Set
- #7048 Chair Rail Moulding
- #7049 Baseboard Moulding
- #11879 6 Double Light Switches
- #11888 Crossings Ceiling Light
- #12385 Rustic Black Walnut Self-Adhesive Wood Flooring Sheet
- #25110 Popcorn Carpeting
- #36200 Frosty the Snowman and How the Grinch Stole Christmas Set
- #38016 Christmas Cut-Out Cookies
- #42228 Twinkling Stars Specialty Paper
- #42322 Quatrefoil Leaf Encaustic Flooring
- #44365 It's a Wrap!
- #45700 Green Diamonds Rug
- #54063 Della Robbia Wreath
- #56419 Reindeer Planter Kit
- #61508 Pink and White Amaryllis
- #74022 Box of Christmas Wrapping Paper
- #78433 Sunburst Mirror
- #80072 Holly and Berries Vine
- #95225 Unfinished Storage Table
- #95234 Two Christmas Mugs
- #721011 12 Volt Micro-Flame Bulb with 1 Inch Wire Terminal
- #721012 7/16 Inch Candle Socket with 12 Inch White Wires

Other items in the scene were crafted and/or purchased from craft stores and other retailers.

Crafty Extras:

All paints are acrylic in satin finish. The colors are: SW 7029 Agreeable Gray (Walls), Behr 3700 Ultra White (Trim and Doors #91041), PPG 115-5 Pine Trail (Table #95225), SW 2846 Roycroft Bronze Green (Reindeer Planter Kit #56419) and FolkArt 658 Antique Gold (Crossings Ceiling Light #11888).

The front door mat is paper flooring (Quatrefoil Leaf Encaustic Flooring #42322) cut to size.

The stair swags are five individual floral arrangement. See the instructions on next page.



Creating the Stair Swags

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Items Needed:

#80072 Holly and Berries Vine

#1249 Weldbond (clear drying glue)

Primary greenery. Artificial or dried that can be trimmed to scale. I used a miniature air plant off an artificial vine (Frosty Vine #66055). I chose it for its unusual shape, light green color and subtle silver shimmer.

Secondary greenery. Artificial or dried that can be trimmed to scale. I used a miniature pine cone off the same artificial vine (Frosty Vine #66055).

Gold metallic craft ribbon 1/8"

Floral wire 30 gauge

Needle nose pliers

Wire snips

Scissors

Instructions

Separate the holly berries and holly leaves from the vine. Start by unwinding the vine from the bottom towards the top. The first few berries or leaves will come loose once just a few inches of the vine have been unwound. Continue until you have isolated 15 berries and 15 leaves. Set them aside.

Trim the primary greenery so that it measures 3/4"H x 1"Dia, has a 1/4" long stem, and a desirable shape. The air plant I used pulled right off the vine leaving a sufficiently long nub.

Trim your secondary greenery so that it measures 3/4"H x 1/2", has a 1/4" long stem, and a desirable shape. I cut off two rows of kernels to bring my pine cone to scale.

Cut five 5" long pieces of wire.

Cut five 12" long pieces of ribbon.

Arrange the primary greenery with the holly berries into a bouquet. Twist their stems together.

Arrange the secondary greenery with the holly leaves into a bouquet. Twist their stems together.

Place a 5" piece of wire around one of the bouquets and twist it tightly a few times while leaving the tails of the wire separate.

Place the second bouquet between the tails of the wire and twist tightly, thereby combining both bouquets into one arrangement.

Use the remaining length of wire to mount the arrangement to the stair railing. Glue in place as necessary.

Tie a bow in the middle of a piece of ribbon. Curl each tail around the needle nose pliers. Place the bow over the arrangement and drape the two tails down either side of the arrangement. Trim the tails to desired length.

