Gifts from the Garden
Bromeliad Festive Wall/Door Art

Bromeliads hung from a garden wall create a lush tropical environment that looks like you spent hours on the upkeep. These hardy plants, however, are deceptively easy to maintain and tolerate a range of temperatures while adding color and style.

**Supplies:** Wood Board (*not pressure treated*) about 12” x 8” x 2” finished to your taste; heavy wire – 3” piece used to hang design; thin Green Wire – 2’ in length for attaching Bromeliads; two wood screws 1” to 1¼” depending on thickness of wood; Bromeliads/pups – assortment of sizes; sheet moss; assorted holiday decorations (ornaments, ribbon, small floral picks).

**Tools:** Staple gun; 1/2” staples; hot glue gun or adhesive (clear liquid nail); needle nose pliers; and wire cutters.

Using wire cutter cut a 3” piece of heavy wire and bend in half with needle-nose pliers. Use needle-nose pliers to curl both ends of the wire into a tight loop. Attach the wire to the back side of the wood board using two wood screws. Turn board over and arrange three bromeliads and any decorations. Cut a 2’ length of thin green wire and make a loop at the end. Use this wire to secure each bromeliad to the board by stapling the wire on each side of each bromeliad. Stretch the wire and take it back across the plants to hold the arrangement to the board. **Be careful not to cut into the plants.** Place pieces of sheet moss over all wired sections of bromeliads and staple to board. This should adequately hide the wire. Hot glue ornaments securely to board...enjoy your work of art and then give it to someone you love!

More information at [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bromeliads](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bromeliads)

To learn more about Bromeliads and Bromeliad Wall/Door Art
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