



# Evergreen Garland Roping

## Tips from the "Polly's Pro's"

### Attachments

We recommend using zinc or stainless eye bolts at the top, center, both corners, and bottom of vertical installations. We typically insert into the side of trim vs. the face of a wall. For horizontal applications such as railings placing an eye bolt on each end in an inconspicuous spot, such as under rail cap is best. Next use plastic zip ties to fasten the garland to these attachments, pull tight, and trim any excess. Zip ties hold very well and are much easier to clip off than wire at the end of the season.

### Lights

When adding lights to your garland, spend the extra time wrapping the lights around the garland for a fully lighted look. Be sure to plan where you will be plugging in the lights and place the male plug end as close as possible to your outlet or extension cord. Measure your garland for the specific location prior to wrapping it with lights.

Enjoy a more finished look with these tips for each type of application.

### Doorways

Measure from the center top of door frame around one side to the floor. Cut two pieces of garland to this length. Join cut ends together with zip ties so the 'arms' of the garland will be pointing down along each side of the doorway. This joint will be the center point above the door. Start by attaching the center-join-point to your top, center eye, then to each corner, and lastly at each bottom with zip ties. This helps to keep things secure in blustery weather. Now your garland drapes down on both sides rather than pointing up on one side and down on the other! Attach a bow at the top center to hide the cut joint.

### Railings & Fences

Measure the total horizontal length of your location then add about 15% to that measurement to allow for the drape. For an easy approximation, use a long extension cord to simulate the garland and test your drapes. You can then measure the cord before cutting your garland. Once you have your final measurement, attach firmly to an eyebolt at one end then test again with the actual garland to confirm your preferred drape. Zip-tie the top of each drape directly to railing and work your way to the opposite end. Trim the garland as needed to fit making sure to reclose the cut end with zip ties so the garland doesn't fall apart. In windy locations, attach bottom of each drape to a railing spindle as well for security.

### Columns

Install an attachment point at the back of the top and bottom of each column. Be sure the 'arms' of the garland are hanging down. When wrapping columns on either side of an entry, create a mirrored look by wrapping the left-side column(s) in a counterclockwise direction, and clockwise on the right-side column(s). To estimate the length of garland needed for a column, you can roughly double the column's height, then adjust the wrap to make equal spaces between turns, bringing the tail around to the rear column attachment point. Larger sized columns may need to be tripled in length. Again, you can test for approximate length with an extension cord. Clip the garland at bottom and measure for an exact fit before you attach it. Once you have determined the length of garland needed for one column, measure and cut each column piece before you begin to not attempt to wrestle with full rolls of garland. If adding lights, start wrapping garland with female plug end at top (unless you have outlets in your porch ceilings).