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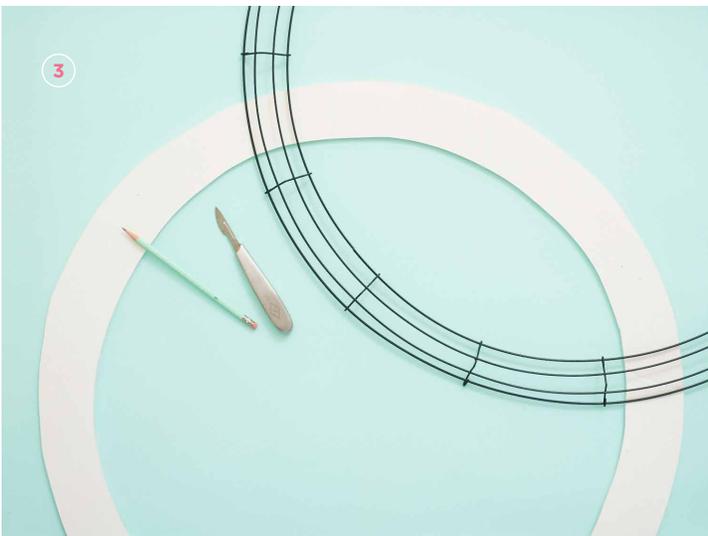
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MATERIALS

- OH JOY for Target Paper fans
- Scalpel or sharp craft knife
- Foam core
- Florist/Italian crepe paper in 570 Pink Suede from Cartefini.com. <http://cartefini.myshopify.com/collections/classic-solid-180-gram-crepe>
- Gold crystal bows from papermart.com. <http://www.papermart.com/crystal-bows/id=10826?SearchItemNumber=4489835>
- Butterfly pull bow from Papermart.com. <http://www.papermart.com/metallic-finish-butterfly-pull-bows/id=9470?SearchItemNumber=44389159>
- 1" Mini gold gift bows from Papermart.com. <http://www.papermart.com/mini-poly-bows/id=9590?SearchItemNumber=4411159>
- Scissors
- Fringe scissors by Martha Stewart Crafts from michaels.com. <http://www.michaels.com/martha-stewart-crafts-fringe-scissors/10135612.html?q=fringe&start=5>
- Pop-up glue dots from createforless.com. <http://www.createforless.com/Glue-Dots-Roll-Pop-Up-1/2-in.-75-pc/pid49612.aspx>
- Glue gun, gold floral wire, awl, optional.

BUILD

- 1.** Assemble 6 large fans, and 6 small fans. Untie the knot and thread the cord through both holes and tie a double knot tightly. Trim cord a little bit.
 - 2.** Cut 12, 3" x 6.5" pieces of crepe paper with the grain (the vertical ridges in the paper) running with the long side. Fully stretch the paper (with the grain) out flat completely. Take 6 pieces and using the fringe scissors, fringe each side, aligned with the grain, as shown (about 2 1/2", the depth of the scissor) leaving a section in the center uncut. Gather the center and pinch together and then twist once or twice, to make a double-sided piece as shown. Take the second set of 6 pieces of stretched crepe and hand cut a wider fringe (3/8"-1/2") with scissors, aligned with the grain, leaving about 2" uncut at the base as shown. Gather the uncut section together and twist once or twice to create a wide flat fringe piece. You should have 6 double-sided pieces and 6 wide flat pieces. Gather the bows and trimmings and cut off any extra "paper" backings that might show from the front of the bow.
 - 3.** Cut a 28.5" circle (outside perimeter) (28"-29" is fine, it does not have to be perfect) from foam core using one of these methods: Trace a wreath form of the same size. Or tie a string to a push pin placed in the center of a sheet of foam core and attach a pencil at the 14" point, then carefully trace a circle
- around. Cut an inner circle of foam core, so that the form is about 3" wide.
- 4.** You can use a few methods for assembly, depending on how permanent you want the wreath to be. I used glue dots, many of them, and found that as long as I made sure that the contact points of the fan pleats come together with a glue dot, the wreath holds strong. To make the wreath even stronger, and last even longer, you can also punch small holes in the fans with an awl or thick pin and wire them onto the form together, and/or use a glue gun. Lay your form on a flat surface, and lay the 6 large fans evenly around the perimeter. Angle the fan so that the white section with gold tie is aligned with the form and will be hidden under the gold fans. Using 6 or more pop-up glue dots per fan, attach each fan to the form. Be sure the glue dots are placed so that the glue dots and form and fan pleats are all coming in contact. Press well to secure. Place the 6 wide flat crepe fringe pieces in the spaces between the large fans pointing towards the center of the wreath and secure with hot glue or many glue dots. Repeat the process with the gold fans, making sure that the gold fans and glue dots and aqua fans all come in contact very well, so that the glue dots will hold the weight once the wreath is hanging. I used at least 6 dots, when I used less than that the gold fans would fall off after a few days of hanging. Align the white section with gold tie

to the outside of the wreath edge. Attach 6 gold pull bows on top of the white section with glue dots or wire or hot glue. Attach 6, 1" bows to the center of the gold fans with glue dots. Attach 6 gold crystal bows to the double-sided crepe fringe pieces and then attach them to the center of the aqua fans, with glue dots or hot glue. String up the wreath with ribbon for hanging.

STYLE NOTE

If you want the back of the wreath to look more finished you can wrap the foam core in strips of pink crepe paper. You can also use a flat wire wreath form wrapped in strips of paper.

Happy Crafting!
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