

# Cranberry Popcorn Garland for the Birds

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When I spotted fresh cranberries at our local grocery store here in Kuwait, I grabbed a bag immediately, knowing just how we'd put them to good use. Cranberry popcorn garlands are just one of

those things – a craft so classic that it's a shame to not try at least once.



In preparation for our project, I popped a batch of plain popcorn a few nights and let it sit out on the cupboard uncovered. That's the key to success with this project... *Stale* popcorn. It's quite manageable after 1 night, but after 2 or 3, it's a breeze. Try freshly popped popcorn though, and you'll be pulling your hair out in no time!

With the popcorn ready to go, I set it out alongside a bowl of fresh cranberries, some baker's twine, and an embroidery needle with a fairly blunt tip.



I taped one end of the baker's twine down to the table, and Miss G got started with threading. She quickly noticed that the cranberries had a 'dot' on each end, which made for a good place to start when piercing the needle through.



While the cranberries were quite easy for her to thread, the popcorn was a little bit trickier, so we worked as a team when it came to the popcorn pieces.