A small-space holiday garland with measured spacing

Plan a short holiday garland for a shelf, mirror or doorway in a small room: measure the route, space the supports evenly with a simple count, work out how many strands you need, then add one holiday detail at each support. The worksheet covers route length, supports, spacing and strands.

What you need

- Tape measure and a pencil
- Garland or artificial vines; measure each strand you plan to use
- Removable supports rated for your surface and the garland's weight
- One small holiday detail per support, such as a ribbon bow

Steps

1. Measure one short route
Choose one run, such as a shelf edge or the top of a mirror, clear of doors, vents, lamps and walkways. Measure it in inches and write it down as the route length. If you want the garland to dip between supports, drape string between two points to the depth you like and measure that string; this is the dip length per gap.

2. Space the supports evenly
Pick a spacing you can repeat, such as every 12 in, and keep within any maximum spacing or load the support maker gives. Supports needed = route length ÷ spacing + 1, rounded up. Mark each position lightly in pencil before fixing anything.

3. Work out the number of strands
Garland needed = the route length, or, with dips, the number of gaps multiplied by the dip length. Strands needed = garland needed divided by the length of one strand, rounded up. Measure a strand and check its label before planning.

4. Add one holiday detail per support
Attach the garland to the supports only, never to electrical cords or smoke alarms, and tie one small bow or ornament at each support so the even spacing reads as deliberate. Keep loose ends out of reach of children and pets, and keep the garland away from heaters and flames.

Tips

- Artificial vines are not holiday-specific; the holiday look comes from the details you add, which can come off in January while the greenery stays.
- Try one support in a hidden spot first and follow its removal instructions, so a mark on paint or wood shows up where no one will see it.
- The worksheet is free and works with any garland. The optional Amazon link is an affiliate link; supports and holiday details are separate from the vines.

Full guide: https://figurenook.com/guides/a-small-space-holiday-garland-with-measured-spacing/

Even spacing: After rounding the support count up, divide route length by the number of gaps for the actual even spacing. Measure a dip using that actual gap.

Your worksheet

Route

Where the garland goes _____

Route length (in) _____

☐ Clear of doors and walkways

☐ Clear of vents, lamps and heaters

☐ Not touching cords or smoke alarms

Dip between supports? ☐ No, straight ☐ Yes

Dip length per gap, measured with string (in) _____

Supports

Spacing between supports (in) _____

Supports = round up (route ÷ spacing) + 1 _____

Gaps = supports − 1 _____

Support type and rated load _____

Strands and details

Garland needed (in) _____

Length of one strand (in) _____

Strands needed (round up) _____

Holiday detail at each support _____

Sketch the route and mark each support

About this sheet

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