# How to Assemble a RAZ Witch Butt Wreath

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When I first saw these delightful RAZ Witch Butts, I knew they would look adorbs in my <u>Deco Mesh Halloween Wreaths</u> this year.



So I purchased a few to try out. Yep! I was right!! They look precious! It took me a minute to figure out how to best secure them to the grapevine wreath in order to withstand the shipping process and any door slams but I figured it out. Below are my simple steps on How to Assemble a RAZ Witch butt Wreath.

## **Supplies**

- 1 Raz Witch Bottom & Legs found at www.trendytree.com
- Grapevine Wreath (Any shape will work, but I used an oval 16")
- 3-4 Rolls of 10" Poly Deco Mesh in coordinating colors (I wanted to pull the colors from the Witch's socks so I used Lime Green, Yellow, Orange and a Black with stripe print)
- 2-10 yards 2.5" Ribbon (2 styles that coordinate)
- 2-10 yards 1.5" Ribbon (2 styles that coordinate)
- Pipe Cleaners (brown to match the wreath)



- Zip Ties
- Floral Wire
- Decorations (silk flowers, pumpkins, picks, etc.)
- Left over silk flower leaves
- Hot Glue Gun
- Wire Cutters
- Scissors

### **Step 1 – Position Pipe Cleaners**

Working on the bottom half of the wreath, I attached pipe cleaners (twist like a bread tie) to the grapevine wreath every 4" or so making sure to alternate both the outer part of the wreath and the inner part of the wreath.



# Step 2 – Add Deco Mesh

I used a rotary cutter to cut my deco mesh strips 10" long and then used the <u>Deco Mesh Ruffle Method</u> <u>Technique</u> and placed the mesh in the pipe cleaners. I used three cuts of mesh for each pipe cleaner Orange, Black Striped Print and alternated with the Yellow and Lime Green.





## Step 3 - Add Ribbon

I cut 13" strips of two 2.5" wide ribbon and two 1.5" ribbon. I place one 1.5" and one 2.5" ribbon streamer into each pipe cleaner by untwisting the pipe cleaner holding the mesh and inserting the ribbon, then twisting the pipe cleaner back again. You can watch <u>How To Attach Ribbon to Deco Mesh Wreaths</u> here for further instructions. Make sure to dove tail the ends of the ribbon to give a professional look.



#### Step 4 – Attach the Witch Bottom

The witch comes with a black velvet cover metal rod that is somewhat bendable and it runs the entire length of the one of the witch legs. It is about 12" in length coming out from the witch bottom. This is what I use to



secure the witch to the wreath. The legs are also bendable and I suggest bending the legs now to the desired look, because once it is attached to the wreath it is a little harder.

Position the witch bottom where you would like it. I wanted mine upside down to make it look as if she took a nose dive into the wreath.



Using the black velvet covered rod, run it up through one side of the grapevine wreath on the inside (towards the back) of the wreath form. Attach in several places with zip ties. I forgot to take pictures of this step when making the original wreath, but here you can see what I'm referring to. I used 5 zip ties and made sure they were as tight and snug as possible. Also since the rod is straight, bend it to the curve of the wreath for a better fit.





Use floral wire and thread the wire through the fabric on one of the legs (I chose right), behind the metal rod inside of the leg and then back out. Then twist the floral wire around the grapevine wreath snugly. Shake your wreath upside down at this point. The witch bottom should not move. If it does, secure the places that move with either zip ties or floral wire.



# Step 5 – Decorate

Using items such as silk flowers, pumpkins, ornaments, picks, etc. Decorate your wreath to your liking. After I decorated mine, I added a large 3 loop bow to the bottom where the witch meets the mesh to help fill it in more.





# Step 6 – Cleanup

Clean up the wreath now by cutting the pipe cleaners on the front short and pushing them back into the wreath. Trim the wire and zip ties on the back of the wreath and I hot glue silk flower leaves (I save these as leftovers) over the zip ties or any wire to help hide the mechanics of the wreath.



This is the first wreath I made using the RAZ Witch Butt & Legs. I will update this post and add more photos as I complete more. These are my basic instructions for attaching the RAZ Witch Butt & Legs to a wreath. Let me know if you have any questions in the comments section below.

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Happy Wreathing

