

KIM'S DRIED FRUIT GARLAND

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What you will need:

Fresh cranberries

Oranges

Lemon & Limes

Grapefruit

Apples

Bay Leaves

A larger needle

Fishing line or twine

You can also add wooden beads if you have some as I did this year, but not necessary.

Grab your cutting board and start to slice your fruit as thin as you can as it will dry faster, about a 1/4 of an inch usually works great. Place slices on parchment lined baking sheets.

Preheat your oven.

Each oven will be different so keep that in mind and just check every so often to make sure they aren't getting too dark. I preheat my oven to 200° on convection. Once the fruit is placed on sheets and in the oven I turn it down to 160° for anywhere between 2 to 5 hours. Flip the fruit slices periodically and once they are done let them cool completely.

Now comes the fun part.

Grab an eggnog, get comfy, put on your favourite holiday flick and pick up your needle. Start to thread your fresh cranberries, bay leaves and dried fruit onto the fishing line. Have fun with your patterns and switch up the dried fruit you use to make unique beautiful garlands with each new strand. Make sure to tie the ends securely.

Hang them in windows or on your Christmas tree to see the light stream through like beautiful stained glass.

Hang across your fireplace, headboards anywhere you want a bit of holiday magic.

Use some of the dried oranges and fruit to tie onto gifts to give them that extra special touch.

It's a beautiful simple garland and I hope you enjoy making your own.