

Garlands of daisy chains

An essential childhood experience, festoon your picnic tablecloth with a beautiful garland.

Make a daisy chain

Daisy chains can entertain children for ages. Daisies are most plentiful in May or early Summer in close-cut lawns. Pick daisies with nice long stems - you'll also need a good thumbnail for best results.

Make a slit with your thumbnail in the stem, just below the flower.

Slot another daisy stem through the slit, and pull through up to the flower.

Make another slit in the second daisy's stem and continue to thread daisies until you have a beautiful garland.

How long can you make it?

Drape elegantly around your picnic cloth.

To make a circle for a crown or necklace, choose a thick-stemmed daisy for your last. Make a larger slit and gently push the first daisy flower through the hole.

Greenery Garlands

For a really special occasion, pick bunches of ivy, garden greenery, herbs and grasses, divided evenly into 12 small handful bunches.

Wind a length of thin florist wire around each bunch and lay out in a long line, so each bunch just touches the next.

Wire the bunches to a length of thick garden twine and tuck a few flowers into the garland.

Festoon the picnic cloth or drape from the edge of the table.

You can make chains with dandelions too.
Don't pick any other wildflowers though.

Hang your daisy chain in an airing cupboard to dry.
It will last for ages as a memento of a happy day.

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