

special project

making a basic bow



Supply List:

Melrose Products:

- Your choice of ribbon

Additional Products:

- #20 Craft Wire
- Crafting Wire Cutters



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Hold the ribbon in your right hand with the print side or face side up. The end of the ribbon is pointed toward you.



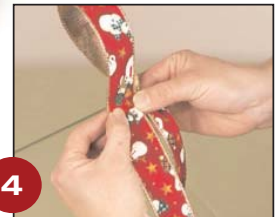
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Using your left hand, crimp the ribbon toward the right hand.



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Twist the crimped ribbon so that the reverse side is facing up.



4

Loop the ribbon so that the face side is seen again, forming a 5" loop. Crimp the ribbon with your left hand moving toward the right hand.



5

Twist the ribbon so that the reverse side is facing up.



6

Loop the ribbon so that the face side is seen again, forming another 5" loop. Crimp the middle the same as in step 4.



7

Make two more 5" loops the same length as the first two, using the crimp and twist steps.



8

Move the ribbon over in front of the first loop. Twist the ribbon so you once again so the reverse side is facing up.



9

Loop the ribbon so that the face side is seen, making a smaller 3" loop. Crimp it at the center of the bow.



10

Continue to make three more 3" loops. There will be four 5" loops and four 3" loops.



11

The ribbon will be pointed away from you with the reverse side showing. Loop the ribbon 1" over and around your thumb, crimping back under your thumb.



12

Once again make a 5" loop so that the face side is showing and crimp in the center.



13

Make one more 5" loop on the opposite side. You will now have three 5" loops and two 3" loops on each side of the bow with one 1" loop in the center.



14

You have been holding the bow in your right hand. Now switch the bow to your left hand. Be sure to grab hold of the center of the bow.



15

Insert one #20 wire through the center of the loop.



16

Using your right hand, bring each side of the wire together on the back of the bow.



17

You can hold the bow on the back using your left hand. With your right hand, twist the wire as close as possible to the back of the bow.



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Trim the ribbon tails to the desired length.



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Enjoy your beautiful bow.



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Use the wires on the back of the bow to attach it to wreaths, swags, arrangements, etc.