

Felt Bows



Don't get caught without your green this
Saint Patrick's Day!

Craft a felt bow to wear as a bow tie or headband!

Supplies:

- Felt
- 16 inches (16") of elastic
- Pattern
- Hot glue gun & glue
- Scissors
- Felt-tip marker
- Hair claw or clip (optional)



Instructions:

1. Cut out the paper pattern along the solid black lines.
Arrange the pattern pieces on the felt. Trace the pattern pieces using a felt tip marker (**Fig. 1**).
2. Cut along your traced lines. Discard any felt scraps. Your result should look like **Fig. 2**.
3. Tie the ends of the elastic together (**Fig. 3**). The elastic is long enough for most adult heads/necks. For children, measure the head/neck with the elastic and tie accordingly. Trim excess elastic after the knot is tied.
4. Add a strip of hot glue to one (1) short end of the largest rectangle of felt (**Fig. 4**).
5. Fold the felt into a cylinder as in **Fig. 5**. Overlap the edges no more than one quarter inch (.25"). Let glue set.
6. Turn the cylinder so the open ends run vertically (up and down). Accordion pleat your felt cylinder, pinching in the middle, as in **Fig. 6**. If necessary, secure with a hair clip as you continue to step seven (7).
7. Accordion pleat the medium felt rectangle, pinching in the middle. Your result should look like **Fig. 7**.
8. Still pinching in the middle, layer both pleated pieces of felt as in **Fig. 8**. Notice the medium felt rectangle under the large rectangle. This is the front of the bow.
9. Turn your bow over. Between the accordion pleats of the largest felt rectangle, add the gold elastic (**Fig. 9**).

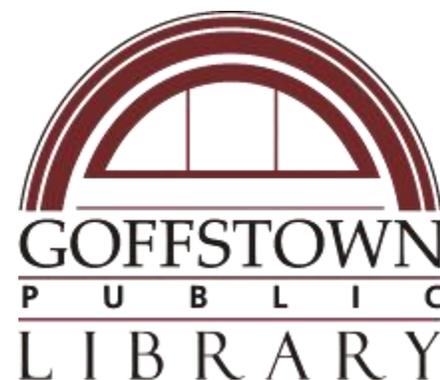
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10. Still pinching, place a dot of glue between your fingers in the middle of the back of the bow. Affix the small felt rectangle to the glue, long side running vertically as in **Fig. 10**. Let dry.
11. Wrap the small felt rectangle around the bow tightly. Overlap the ends as much as possible and secure with hot glue (**Fig. 11**). Let dry.

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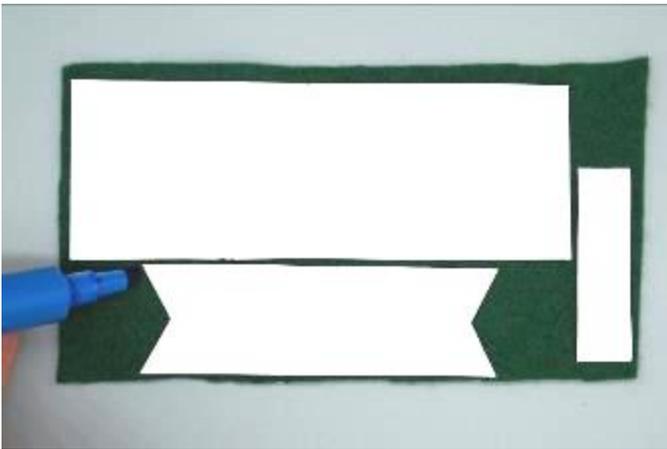


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Figure 7

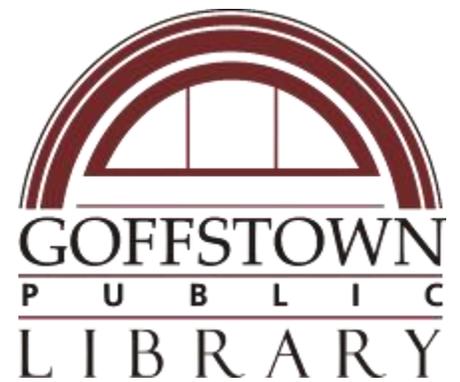




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Figure 10



Figure 11

Patterns

