

How to Make a Loopy Bow



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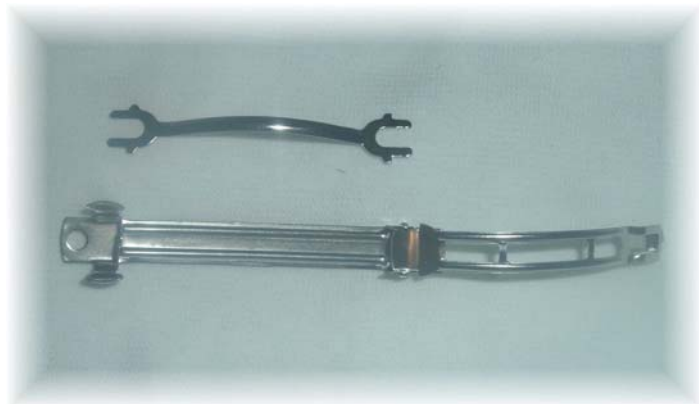


- ♥ **RIBBON** – Any size will do. Also, you can use as many different ribbons as you would like. For this example I will be using 3. To start out, I would recommend using just one ribbon until you get the technique down.
- ♥ **THREAD** – Find a color to match the ribbon that you are using.
- ♥ **FRENCH PINCH BARRETTE** – I would recommend using a smaller barrette – I used a 2 ¼” barrette for this illustration.
- ♥ **NEEDLE** – Any kind of needle will do.



~ ~ Directions ~ ~

STEP 1



Remove the metal piece from the inside of the barrette. Set it aside.

STEP 2

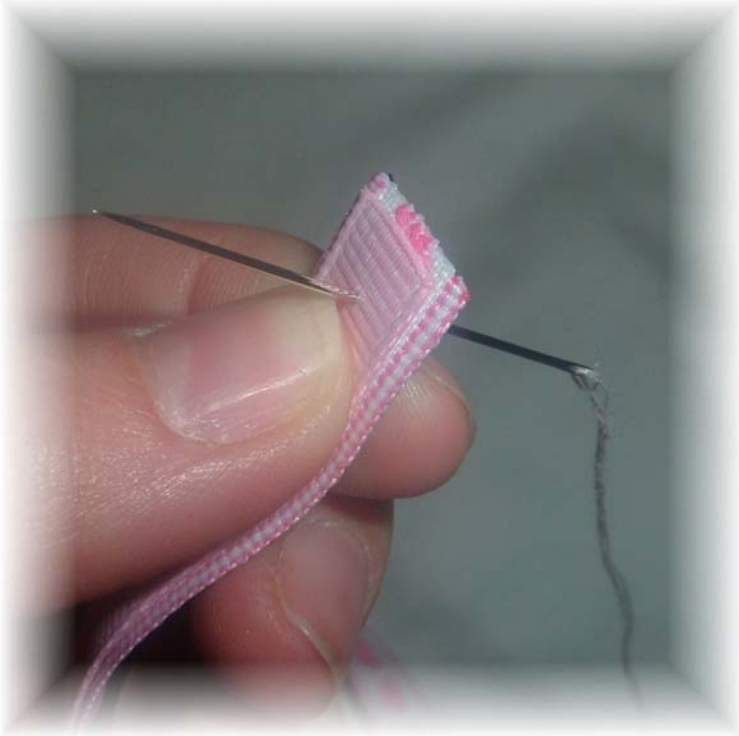
Get your needle and thread ready. You will need 4 strands of thread in your needle and they will need to be around 48 inches long – or just spread your arms out as far as they can go and cut the thread to that length. Make sure you put a knot at the end of the thread.

STEP 3



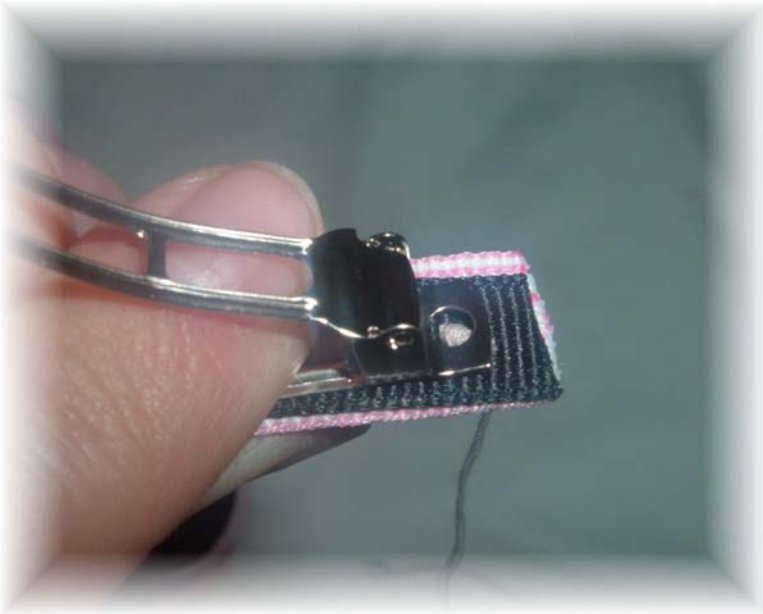
Seal the ends of your ribbon with whatever method you prefer – I used a lighter. Depending on how big your loops are and how many loops you have, will depend on how much ribbon you need – and it's very hard to gauge that amount. So, don't cut a certain amount of ribbon off the spool just yet.

STEP 4



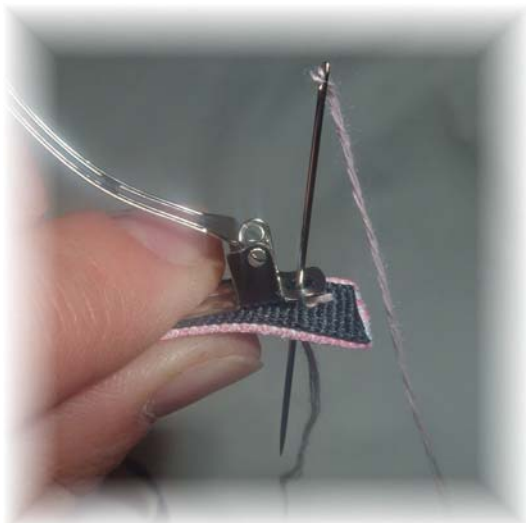
- A. If you're using more than one ribbon, place them on top of each other as shown.
- B. Take your needle and thread through the ribbon – about a quarter of an inch from the end.
- C. Thread it all the way through until the knot stops at the back.

STEP 5

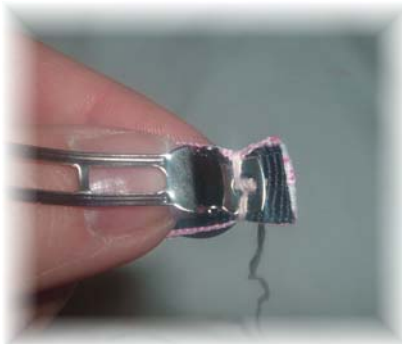


Place the ribbon on the back of the barrette as shown. You can start at either side – it really doesn't matter.

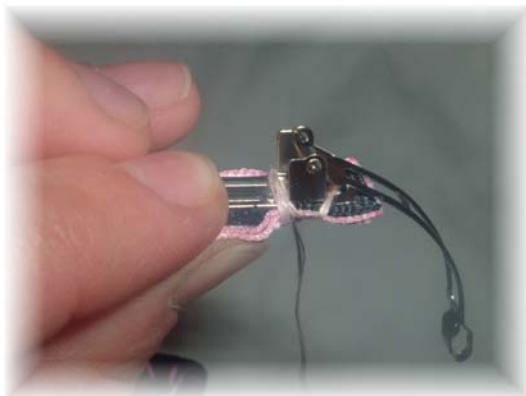
STEP 6



Take a stitch through the hole at the end of the barrette. Repeat on the other side. Pull tightly after each stitch.



STEP 7



From this point forward until the very end, you will not need to hold onto the needle – just the thread.

Wrap the thread a couple of times around the barrette and the ribbon – just inside the barrette next to the spring as shown in the picture.

STEP 8



- A. Turn the barrette over so that the flat side of the barrette is on top.
- B. Take up a loop – any size that you wish. The bigger the loop, the taller the bow.

STEP 9



Now you need to take the thread and wrap it around the barrette a couple of times, pulling slightly each time.

**Make sure that you *squeeze* the ribbon together over the top of the barrette so that the ribbon doesn't fold over to the bottom of the barrette.

STEP 10



- A. Before you pull too tightly, you need to spread the loops out slightly. Then, wrap the thread around the barrette a couple more times, this time pulling very tightly.
- B. Slide the loop to the end of the barrette so that you can make room for more loops.

STEP 11



Make another loop. This time angle the loop downward or upward if you wish.

**For this example, I angled it downward as shown, then upward the next time. Remember to pull the ribbons apart, making the bow more full.

Continue in this manner until you get to the end of the barrette.

STEP 12



Once you've reached the end of the barrette, take your scissors and clip the tails of the ribbon. Then, use your desired method of sealing the ends.

**Just be careful if you're using a lighter. It might be easier to use the liquid fray check for this.

STEP 13



A. Turn the bow to the bottom so that the underside of the barrette is showing.

B. At this point, I like to take some of the remaining thread and sew back and forth on the barrette at an angle until I reach the other side.

**See the picture below as a reference.

C. Take up a couple of stitches at the end and tie a knot to secure.



STEP 14



**This step is optional, but I like to do it because it gives the bow a more finished look.

- A. Cut a piece of ribbon to fit the inside of the barrette and seal the ends.
- B. Glue the ribbon to the inside of the barrette.
- C. Put the metal piece back inside the barrette.

You now have a finished bow!

