These instructions DO NOT show how to make the actual bows – just how to cover the Snap Clip with ribbon. For instructions on how to make the bows, see the techniques taught in the Tricks of the Trade Instruction Manual.

FOR THIS EXAMPLE, I am using a 50mm Snap Clip and a 14” piece of ¼” Ribbon. Add about 2 to 3” additional ribbon for a 60mm Snap Clip, and 5 to 6” additional ribbon for an 80mm Snap Clip.

1. Start out by having your Snap Clip ready. Then cut a piece of ¼” ribbon to 14 inches. Seal BOTH ends.
2. Fold the ribbon exactly in half and crease the end.
3. Open up your Snap Clip. Notice how the ribbon has a crease in it. This will help you to know where the exact center point of the ribbon is.
4. Place a small dot of glue on the pointed end (the tip) of the clip.
5. Place the center point of the ribbon over the glue and press firmly. Wait for it to dry before continuing to the next step.
6. Take the ribbon at the RIGHT and place it behind the clip as shown – at an angle.

7. Now take that SAME ribbon and bring the END around and through the MIDDLE of the clip. Follow the picture closely. Notice how the end is BEHIND the other ribbon.
8. Now just continue pulling that ribbon through and tighten it around the clip edge.
9. Follow Steps 7 and 8. Try to make the angle of your ribbon the same after each loop – and pretty close to the same distance apart for uniformity. You’ll need to pull very tightly after each loop.
10. Continue looping the ribbon around until you get to the BIG END (the Back) of the clip.
11. Now place a bead of glue AT AN ANGLE across the back of the clip as shown.
12. Take the end of the ribbon across the bead of glue and press firmly. If you are using hot glue, it will dry fairly quickly.

13. Now go back to the TIP of the clip and follow the same steps as in Steps 6 and 7 with the other side.
14. Start wrapping the ribbon around the RIGHT edge of the Clip. Remember to pull tightly after each loop.
15. Continue until you get to the BIG END of the barrette. Place a bead of glue at an angle across the back of the barrette as shown.
16. Take the end of the ribbon across the bead of glue and press firmly. Notice how the two ends have formed an X.
17. With the clip facing towards you as shown, take the ribbon at the LEFT and feed the end through the middle of the clip.
18. Pull the end all the way through and tighten.
19. Now take that SAME end and fold it UP over the top.
20. Turn the Snap Clip over to the back.
21. Place a bead of glue at the back of the clip as shown.

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22. Fold the end of the ribbon down over the bead of glue and press firmly.
23. Cut the end of the ribbon off and seal the edge – but be very careful as not to burn yourself.
24. Repeat Steps 17 through 23 for the other side. This is what it will look like at the back.

25. Turn the barrette back over to the front and this is what it will look like.
26. To attach a bow, simply place a bead of glue on the BIG END of the clip.
27. Place your bow onto the glue and press very firmly. FINISHED!!