

# Tricks of the Trade

## Hair Bow Instructions



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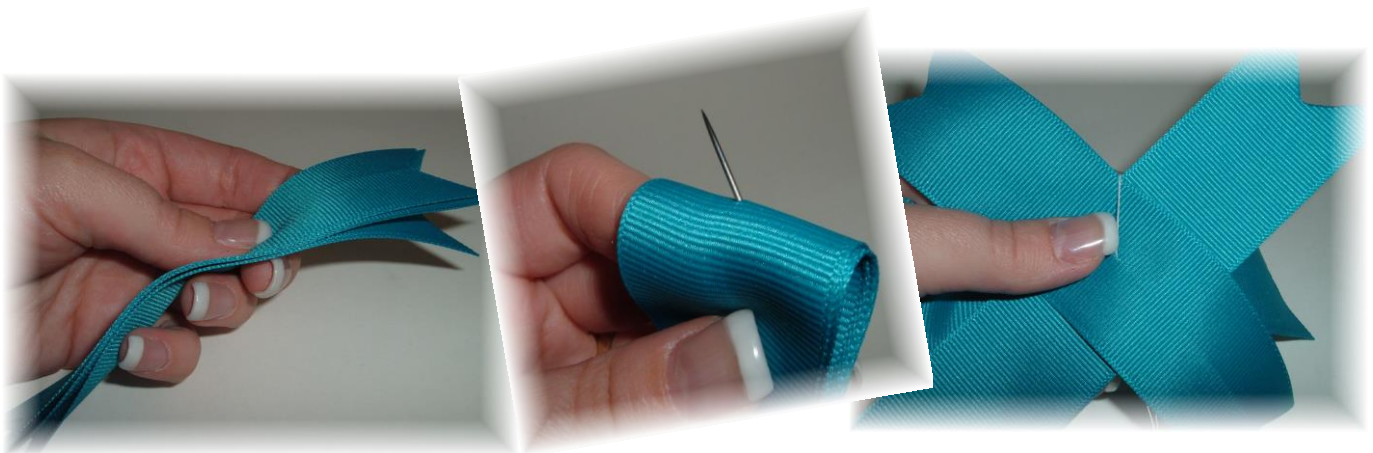


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# How to Make a Spike Hair Bow



# Supplies & Tools



Hair Bow Maker  
Ribbon  
Barrettes & Clips  
Cutting Mat  
Scissors  
Hi-Temp Glue Gun  
Glue Sticks  
Needle  
Thread  
Lighter (for sealing  
ribbon ends)

Ribbon and supplies may be purchased from:  
<http://www.TheRibbonRetreat.com>

## Hair Bow Making Tip

When making Hair Bows, it is best to use the right size of ribbon for the right size of hair bow.  
For example, using a 3/8" ribbon to make a 5" bow, may not work well. ☺

The following is to give you a *general* idea of what size ribbon works best for what size bow.

### 1/4" Ribbon

1 to 2 inch Hair Bows

### 1 1/2" Ribbon

3 to 5 inch Hair Bows

### 3/8" Ribbon

2 to 3 inch Hair Bows

### 2 1/4" Ribbon

5 to 6 inch Hair Bows

### 5/8" Ribbon

2 to 3 inch Hair Bows

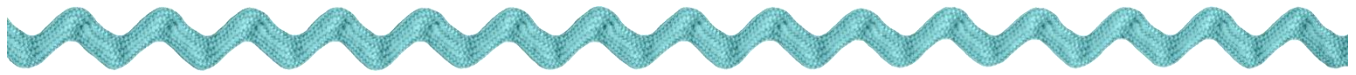
### 3" Ribbon

5 to 6 inch Hair Bows  
(or bigger)

### 7/8" Ribbon

3 to 4 inch Hair Bows

# Tips on Making Spikes



Spikes are the easiest part of a bow to make. You can use as many strips and any size of ribbon you'd like.

- **ADDING SPIKES TO A HAIR BOW:** measure the finished width of the hair bow and add 1" – 2" to the ribbon strip. For instance, if the bow measures 5 inches wide, then make each spike 6" – 7" inches wide.
- If, after your spike is added to your hair bow and the tails are too long, simply trim and re-seal each end. Once you become more experienced with using spikes, you will be able to determine your own style and how long you like the spikes.

For this demonstration, 3 spikes of 1 ½" solid grosgrain ribbon will be used, each measuring 6". Have a needle & thread ready (with a knot at the end of the thread).



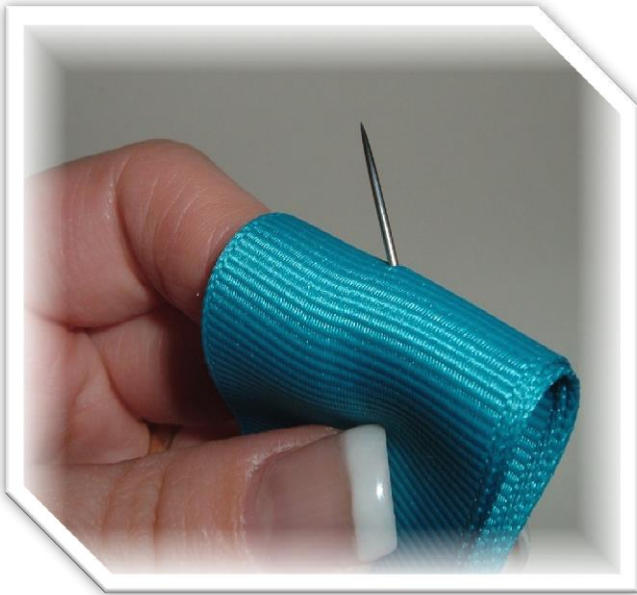
## STEP 1

Cut the desired amount of ribbon strips to the same length. Cut the tails to your desired shape (v-cut/angled, etc.) & heat seal the ends. Place all the pieces directly on top of each other, as shown.



## STEP 2

Fold the ribbon in half. Note the small "loop" in the middle of the ribbon.



### STEP 3

Take the needle up through the middle of the loop but **DO NOT** take the needle all the way through. The ribbon should be in the middle of the needle.



### STEP 4

Spread out the spikes on the needle and shape as desired. Pull the needle and thread all the way through until the knot stops at the back.



### STEP 5

Take the thread over the top of the "X" as shown. Tug gently.



## STEP 6

Bring the thread all the way around the center and pull gently. Continue taking the thread around the center, pulling each time, until there is no more “give”. Turn the bow over to the back and tie a knot.

Finish off as desired.



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