

Bow Crafter Instructions

Supplies you will need to get started:

- Bow Crafter
- Table or counter top
- Common "C" clamp
- Spool of wire (we suggest a painted 1 lb. spool of 24 gauge)
- Ribbon
- Scissors

To make a bow:

- 1) Position the bow jig on a table or counter top with the ribbon holder to your right and the swivel base to your left. Attach to table / counter top with a "C" clamp.
- 2) Make sure the swivel lock is tight. Place ribbon holder, with backside of roll, facing you. Run ribbon through the ribbon guide, along the back side of the right tension rod and center rod, then slide the ribbon between the start peg, leaving approximately 1-2" of ribbon beyond the center peg.
- 3) Turn the tension rods so that the larger side is facing the center of the swivel base.
- 4) Loosen the swivel lock.
- 5) To make a 6-loop bow with a button, turn the swivel base counter-clockwise (hold end of ribbon on 1st rotation). Make three complete rotations (or 6 turns) ending with start peg on the left. (To make a 4 loop bow, make complete rotation or 4 turns.
- 6) Tighten the swivel lock.
- 7) Pull out about 30" of wire and cut. Slide wire under ribbon and tighten on the side facing you, twisting wire 3-4 times to secure.
- 8) To add a button, slide ribbon to the left approximately 1/3 the length of the loop. Slide wire under the bow and bring back over the top and secure on the backside, twisting 2-3 times.
- 9) From the right side of the bow, cut down at a slight inward angle toward the center of the bow.
- 10) Pull the end of ribbon toward the top, this will be your center point. Turn both tension rods to release the bow.
- 11) Slide the bow off the swivel base. Use a snapping motion to pull loops apart. Pull the outside loop toward the top of bow and the inside loop toward the bottom of bow. To fluff loops, pull and roll with fingers on inside of loops.
- 12) To add tails, pull enough ribbon for desired length of tails off the roll. Fold ribbon in half, creasing and gathering the center. To attach the tail to the bow, place gathered portion of tail just below the bottom of the button. Bring one wire up and around center of tail, through the button to the back of bow and tighten.
- 13) To make a wider bow or a bow using larger ribbon, you will want to move tension rods to the outer adjustment holes on the swivel base.

Here are a few tips to help you make the perfect bow:

- A) Always keep wire tight, this allows you to make a fuller bow and it enables you to snap the ribbon when separating the loops.
- B) Cutting wire pieces at about 30" will leave you enough wire to go around your wreath.
- C) Use a rolling & pulling motion with your fingers when working with the loops. This eliminates creasing the ribbon.
- D) Mark your bow jig as a measure guide for desired length of tails.