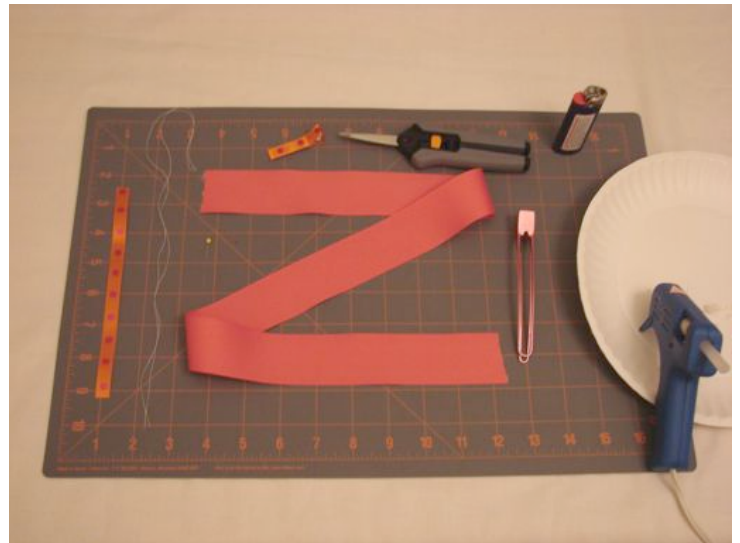


Boutique Hair Bow



MATERIALS:

Grosgrain ribbon (see lengths and sizes below)
6 inches of ribbon for knot (3/8 width is best)
Lined Clip (alligator clip or French barrette – your choice)
Needle and thread (quilting thread is best)
Straight pin
Scissors
Large alligator clamp
Lighter
High Temp/High Heat glue gun
High Temp/High Heat glue sticks
Measuring mat or ruler



SUGGESTED RIBBON LENGTHS:

Small (2 ½ to 3 inch bow) – 19 inches of 7/8 thick ribbon
Medium (4 inch bow) – 29 inches of 7/8 or 1 1/2 inch thick ribbon
Large (5 inch bow) – 32 inches of 7/8 or 1 1/2 inch thick ribbon

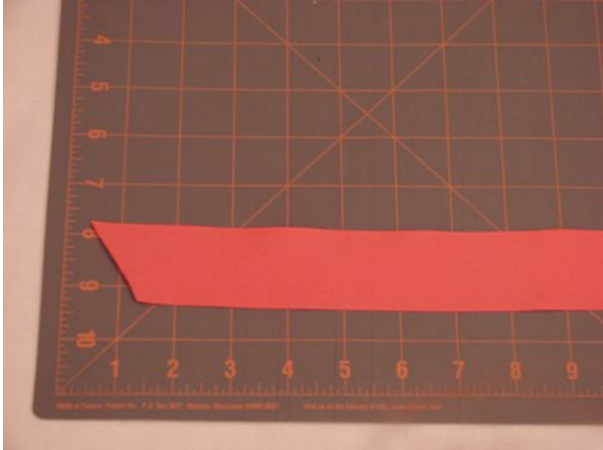
In the following instructions, we are making a medium bow, 4 inches wide.



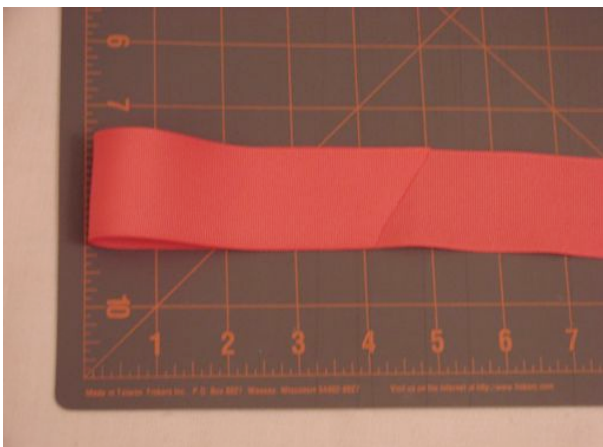
Cut one end of your ribbon at an angle. This will be the tail of your bow.



Heat seal the end of the ribbon you just cut with a brief pass of the flame from a lighter. Alternatively you can use a wood burning tool or liquid sealant if you prefer.



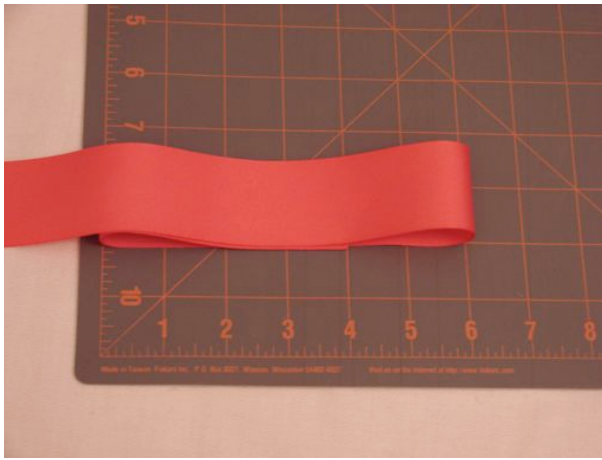
Lay the ribbon flat on your measuring mat with the back side of the ribbon facing up. (If your ribbon is the same on both sides, either side is okay.)



Fold over the left end of your ribbon to the 3 1/2 inch mark (small bow).

Fold over the left end of your ribbon to the 4 inch mark (medium bow).

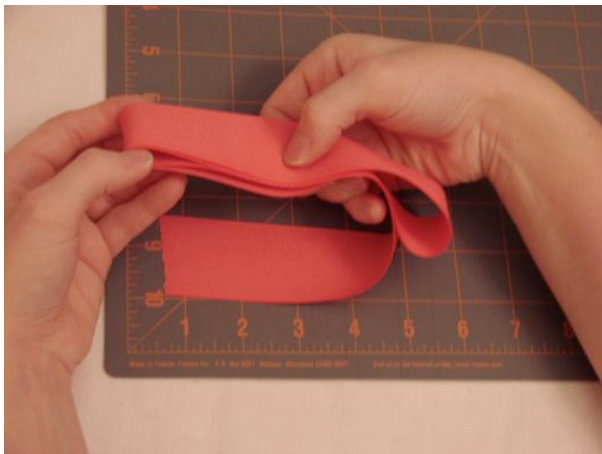
Fold over the left end of your ribbon to the 6 inch mark (large bow).



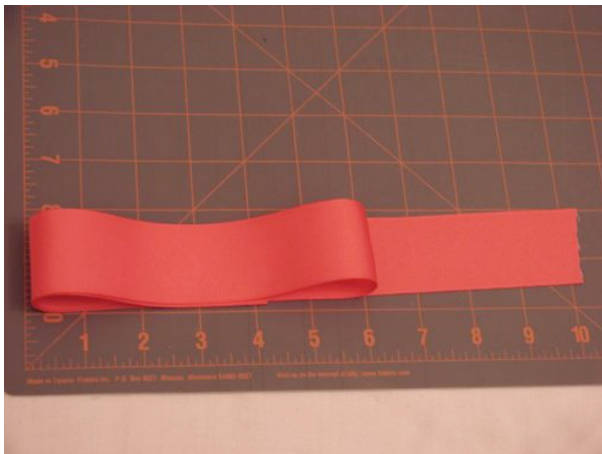
Fold over the right end of the ribbon at the 4 inch mark (small bow).

Fold over the right end of the ribbon at the 6 inch mark (medium bow).

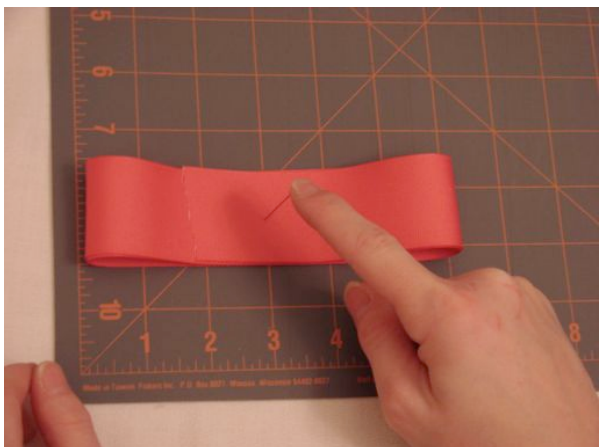
Fold over the right end of the ribbon at the 7 inch mark (large bow).



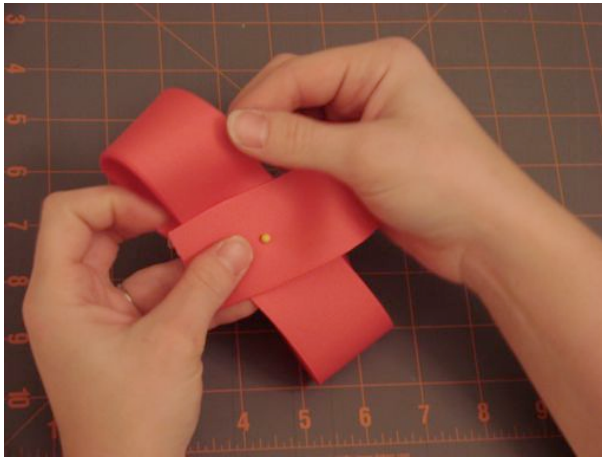
Then carefully lift up and bring the tail of the ribbon from the left hand side and fold it under the pile of ribbon.



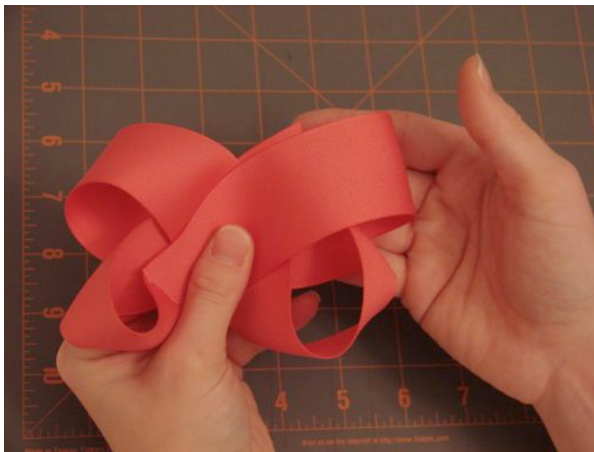
Place your folds of ribbon back on the mat and fold the tail on the right side over the top of the pile. You should have a pile of ribbon that looks like the picture below.



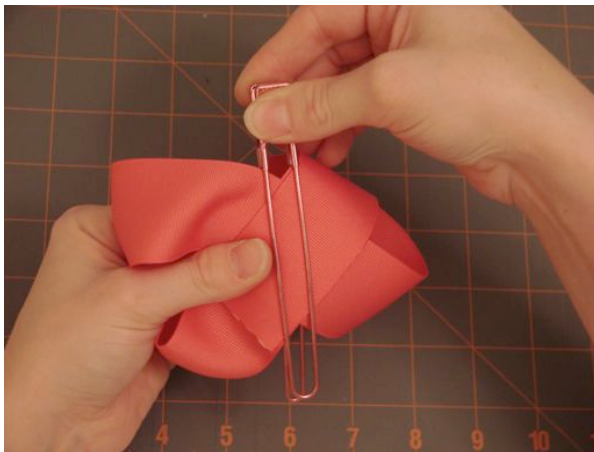
Place a straight pin through the center of the loops. (Measure this on your mat to be sure you are exactly in the center.)



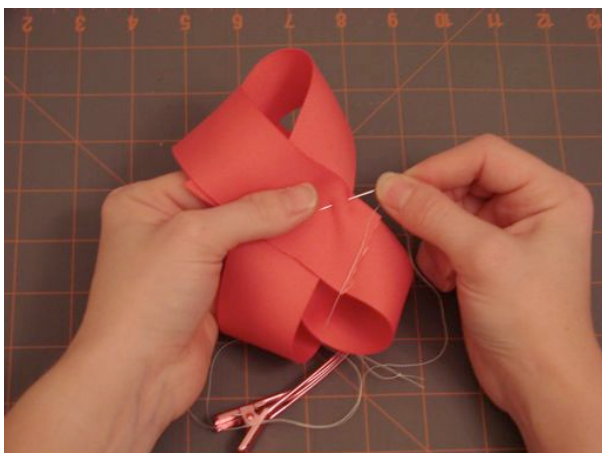
Carefully separate the bow by pulling the top layer and the bottom layer in one direction. Then pull the middle layer in the other direction. Repeat this same action with the other side of the bow.



Spread out the loops evenly until you have an "X" formed.



Use a large alligator clamp to hold the bow in place and also to assist you with sewing a straight line. You can then remove the pin from the center of the bow.



(We have removed the clamp to make it easier to see the next few steps, but you can keep in place while you sew.)

Use your needle and thread to start to weave through the back of the bow. Be sure that you start off with the needle going through the top side (as pictured) so that your bow will form in the correct direction.

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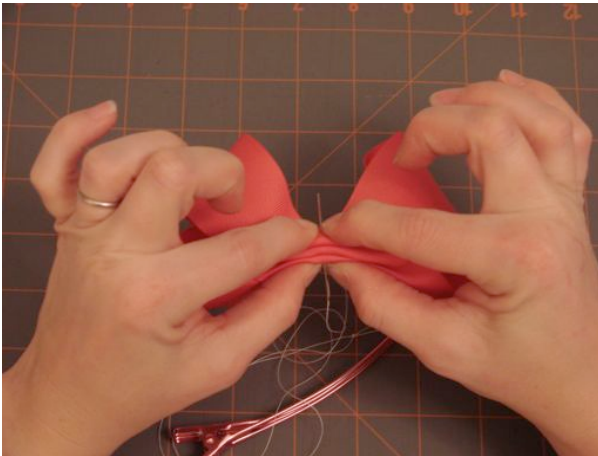
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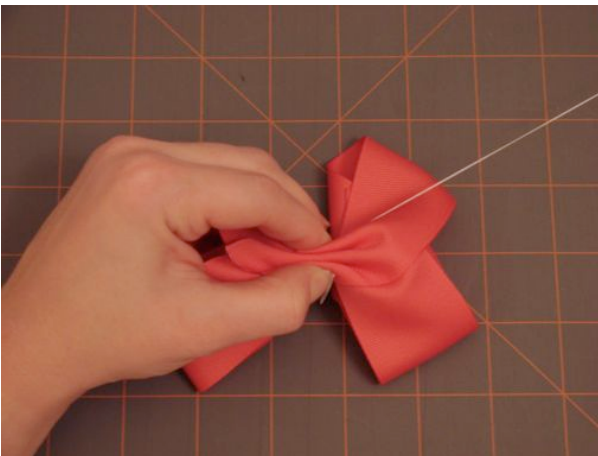
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Continue to stitch across the length of the center of the bow. You will have 3 sections where the needle goes through the side of the ribbon which is facing you (this will be at the beginning, center, and end of your stitched line.)



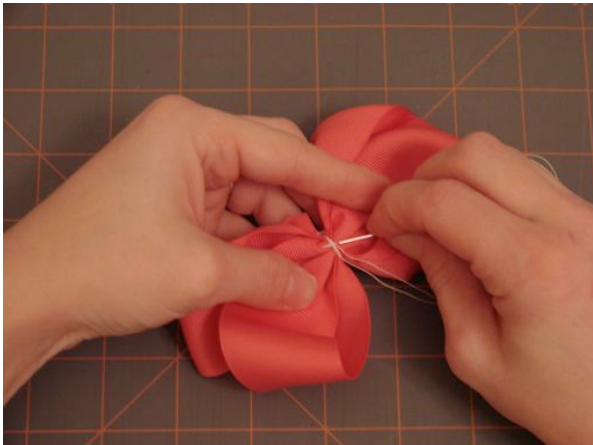
Then squeeze together the center to form three peaks in your bow, leaving the needle in place in the ribbon.



Pull the needle completely through the ribbon as you continue to squeeze together all three peaks with your fingers.



Wrap the thread around the center to hold securely in place.



Push the needle through the loop of thread you just created and tie off. This will hold your bow securely in place.



Make a knot in the thread then cut off the remaining thread.

Fluff your bow as desired. (You can spray it with starch to hold in place better, if you would like.)



Then follow the instructions to make a knot for the center of the bow which will cover up the thread and add a nice finish to the bow.

Knot 2

(Shown on a Boutique Bow)



MATERIALS:

About 6 inch long piece of 3/8 or 5/8 ribbon

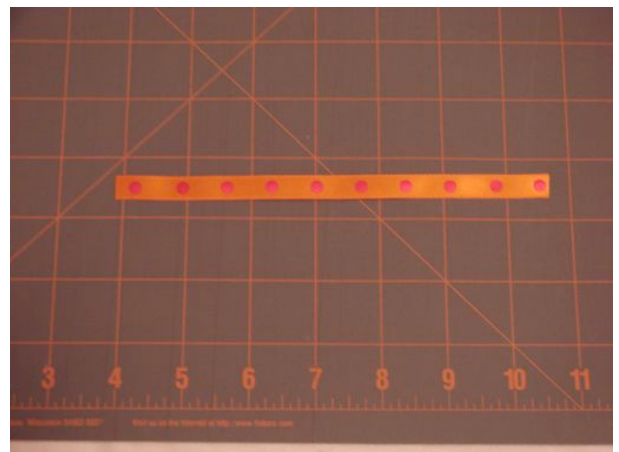
Completed bow on a clip or barrette

Scissors

Lighter

High temp/High heat glue gun

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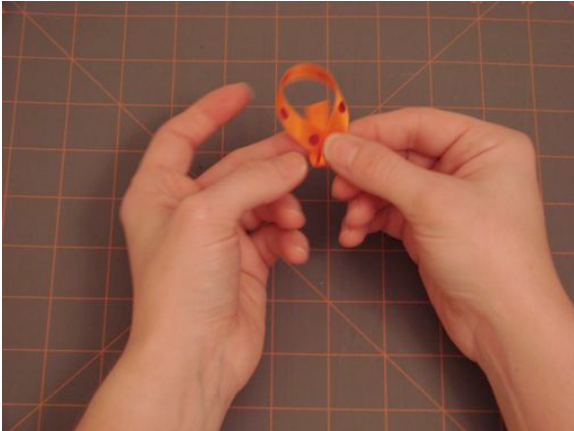


You should have everything you need already out on your table because you used those supplies while making the bow. This finishing step only requires one more pieces of ribbon in a complementing color of your choice.

This is a basic knot to finish off the center of any hair bow you have just made.

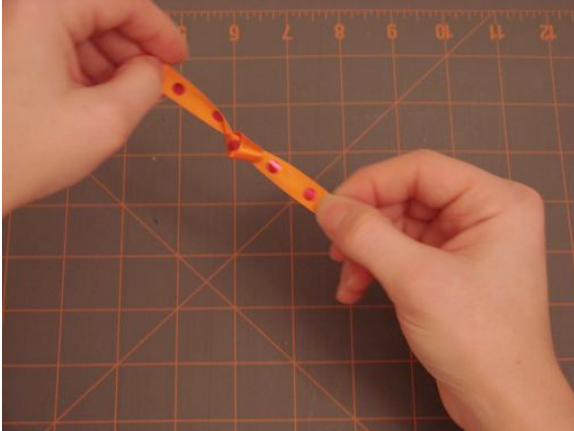


To start, loop your ribbon around to create an “awareness ribbon.”

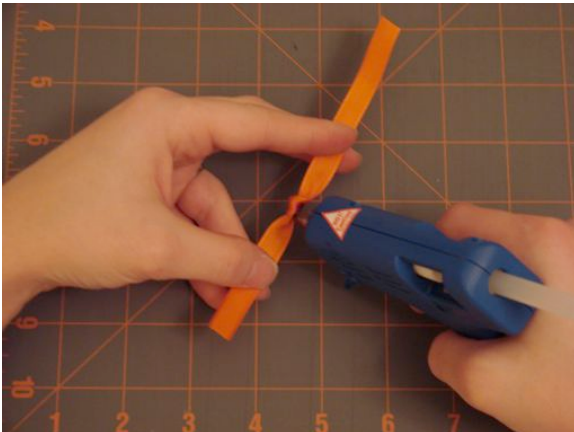


Take the top tail of your ribbon from the bottom and bring it inside the loop.

This will create a knot in your ribbon.



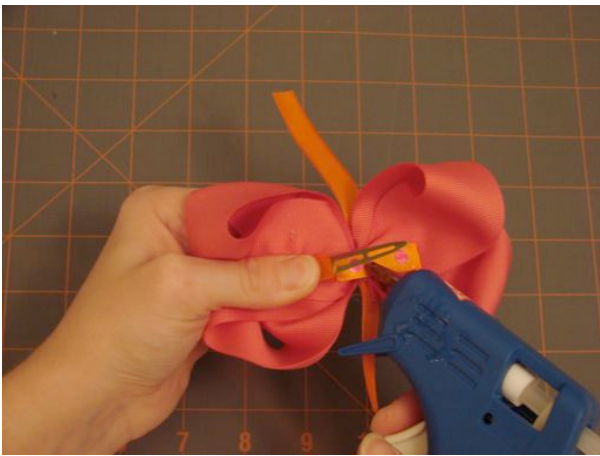
Pull the ribbon tightly from each tail end to create a knot in the center of the ribbon length.



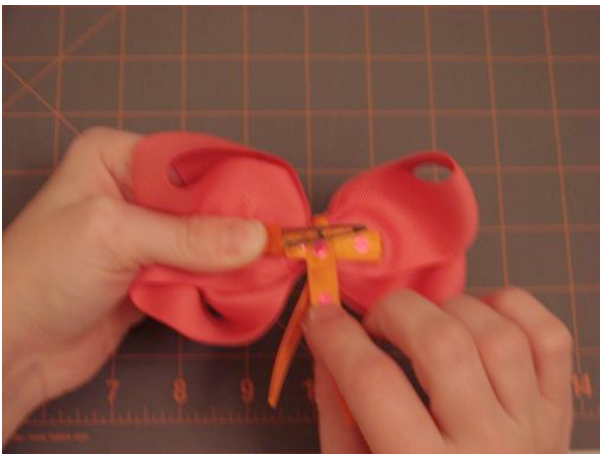
Now place a dab of glue on the back of the knot so you can attach it to the center of your bow.



Place the knot on the front of your bow in the center.



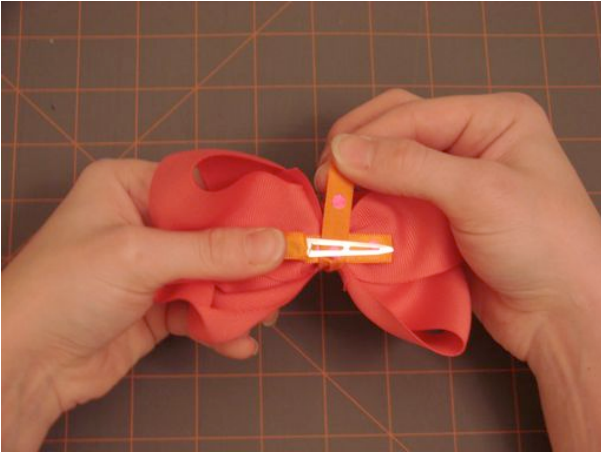
Flip the bow over and open up the clip. Place a dab of glue on the center of your clip.



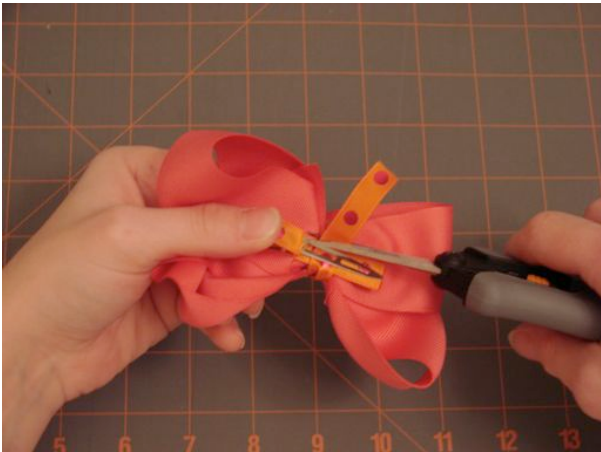
Bring down the top tail and secure in place on the clip where you just glued.



Cut off the excess ribbon from that tail, once it is secured to the clip.



Now wrap the second tail of your center ribbon up from the bottom and place it in between the clip. This will help hold it in place for the next step.



Cut off the excess ribbon from this tail. You only need the ribbon long enough to reach the edge of the lined clip.

Heat seal the edge of the ribbon with a brief pass of your lighter, after the cut is made.



Now open up the clip and glue this piece of center ribbon down.



Your final knot in the center of your bow will look like this!



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