

The Perfect Hair Bow!!

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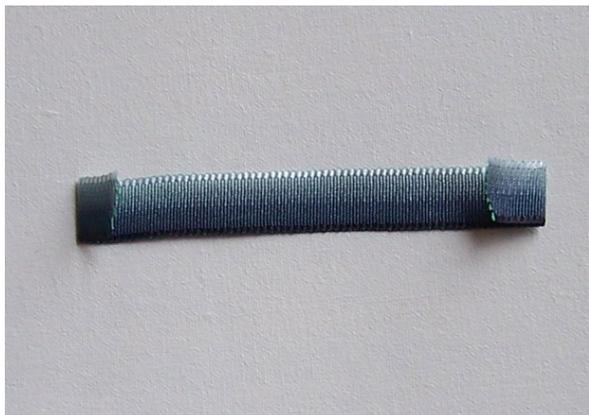
This is the perfect hair bow! It's attached to an elastic hair tie so it won't get loose and fall out and the bow can't come undone. Plus, it's SUPER easy to make!

Step 1 — Get Everything Together



You could sew this by hand or machine, whatever you prefer. Before you get started make sure your iron isn't so hot it will melt the ribbon and that fray check doesn't harm it (I've watched fray check disintegrate my almost done bow before). Make sure you look at the last step, I'll explain the trick to putting it in your hair. You will need.... -ribbon (around 12") -matching thread -hair elastic (big or little) -big-eyed needle (like a darning needle) -fray check -ruler -iron -scissors

Step 2 — Cut & Press



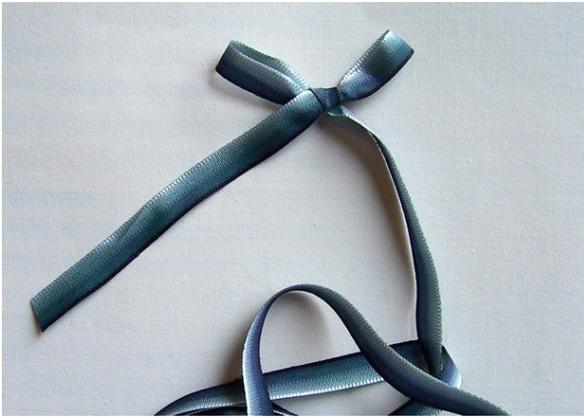
Cut a piece of ribbon about 3 1/2" long. If your using a 1" wide ribbon or wider cut you piece a little longer. Press both ends of your ribbon in about a 1/4".

Step 3 — Attaching the Hair Elastic



Grab you hair elastic and fold one of the ribbon's creased ends over the elastic , pin in place. If you just put the elastic in the crease you'll get exposed raw edges. Sew down, If your doing this by machine with a thin ribbon (3/4" or less) a bar tack is good and easier on super thin ribbons.

Step 4 — Make the Bow!



Make your bow but don't pull it all the way tight. I like to tie the bow then cut it so I'm not fiddling with a little piece that keeps fraying away.

Step 5 — Attaching the Bow



Grab your big-eyed needle and put the other creased end through the eye, slip the needle through the back of your bow.

Step 6 — Attaching the Bow



Pull the needle all the way through so that the bow is threaded on to the strip of ribbon.

Step 7 — Attaching the Hair Elastic



Now take the remaining creased edge and fold it over the elastic, pin in place and sew.

Step 8 — Sew the Bow



Now put a little bar tack or a couple hand stitches through the bow so it can't come undone. It's ok if the bow still slides on the strip of ribbon.

Step 9 — Fold the Hair Elastic



Step 6 — Attaching the Bow

Fold the hair elastic in half, and fray check the bow's raw edges.

Step 10 — How to put it on



To put it in your hair, put your fingers through the bottom of the bow, so it's upside down on your fingers, then put it in like a normal hair elastic. When I put them in my hair I put a plain hair elastic in at first then put on the bow and slide the plain one out, so I can turn it if I need to.

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