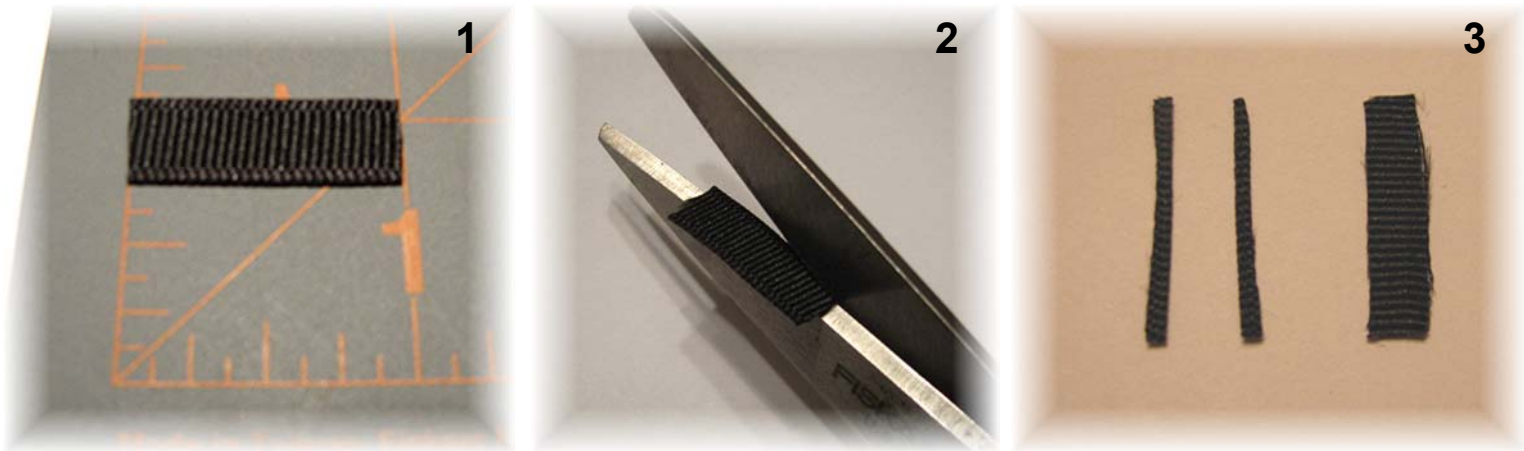




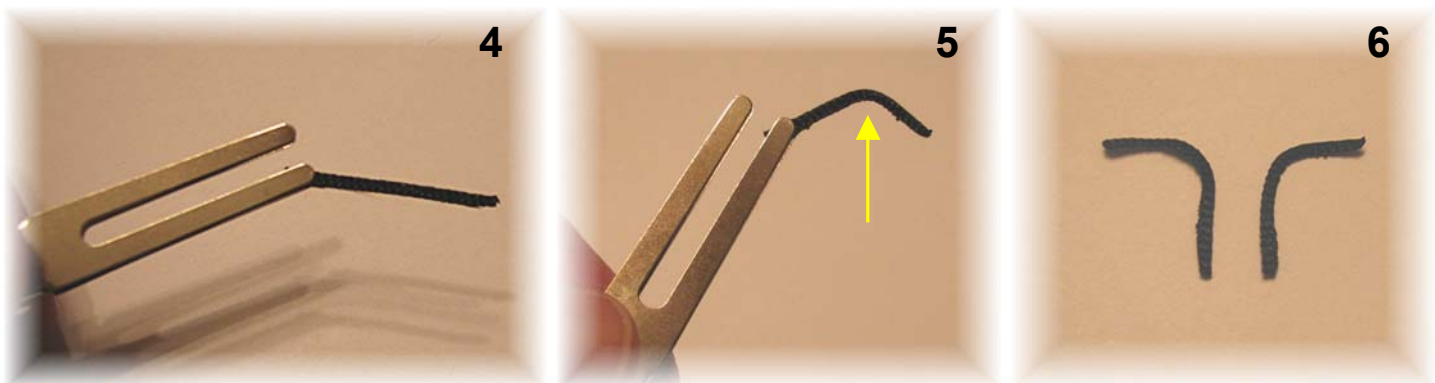
~~ Little Bug Bows ~~

SUPPLIES: The supplies needed are the same as with other bows – scissors, needle & thread, lighter, ribbon (of course ☺), glue, etc.

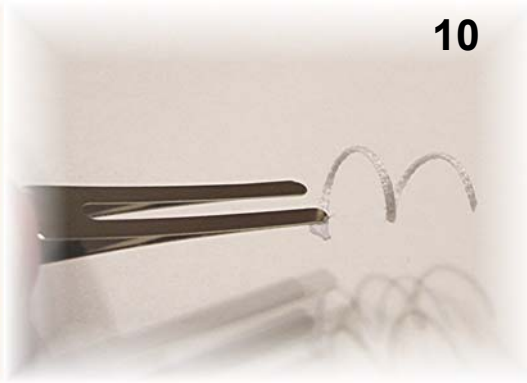
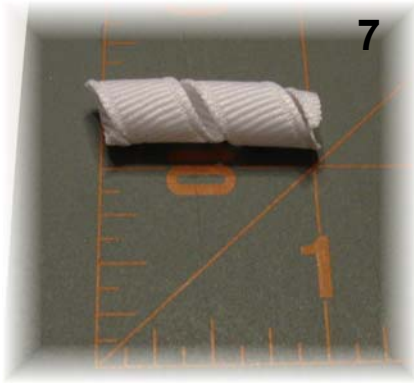
STARTING OFF I will teach you how to make antennas. Most of the bugs have them – so I'll just explain them here at the beginning. Just remember that you can make the antennas in any style, size, or shape you want. It's totally up to you. I'm using 3/8" Grosgrain Ribbon.



1. Cut your ribbon to the size you want – in this example I am using a ONE INCH cut. Notice that on each side of the ribbon there is a “woven” type edge – where it’s a little thicker than the middle part of the ribbon.
2. Using sharp scissors, cut both “edges” off. You can make them as thin or as thick as you want. Keep as steady of a hand as possible while cutting. If they’re not exactly even, it will be okay. It'll still look good on your finished bug.
3. Here we have the two cut edges (the antennas) and the middle part of the ribbon. You can just throw the middle part of the ribbon away – you won't need it.



4. You can use your fingers for this part – but it's really so much easier to use an alligator clip or tweezers – that way you won't burn yourself. Hold one end of the antenna with the alligator clip or tweezers. Using your lighter, **quickly** brush it along the cut edge of the ribbon – sealing it. **PRACTICE THIS** over and over until you get it. It shouldn't take too long.
5. To get a **CURVED** antenna – just concentrate the lighter's heat in one spot. The ribbon will naturally curve. **PRACTICE** this as well.
6. Now repeat with Antenna # 2 and you have a set.



7. For CURLY antennas, you simply need a piece of Korker ribbon. For this example, I used a 1 inch piece.
8. After you've cut the Korker, spread it out between your fingers and cut both edges – just as you did in Step 2.
9. Here you have both cut edges.
10. Now hold one end with an alligator clip or tweezers and seal the edges with a lighter. This is MORE difficult to do because it's hard to work around those curls. But, it is possible. ☺

!!!NOW FOR THE FUN STUFF!!!

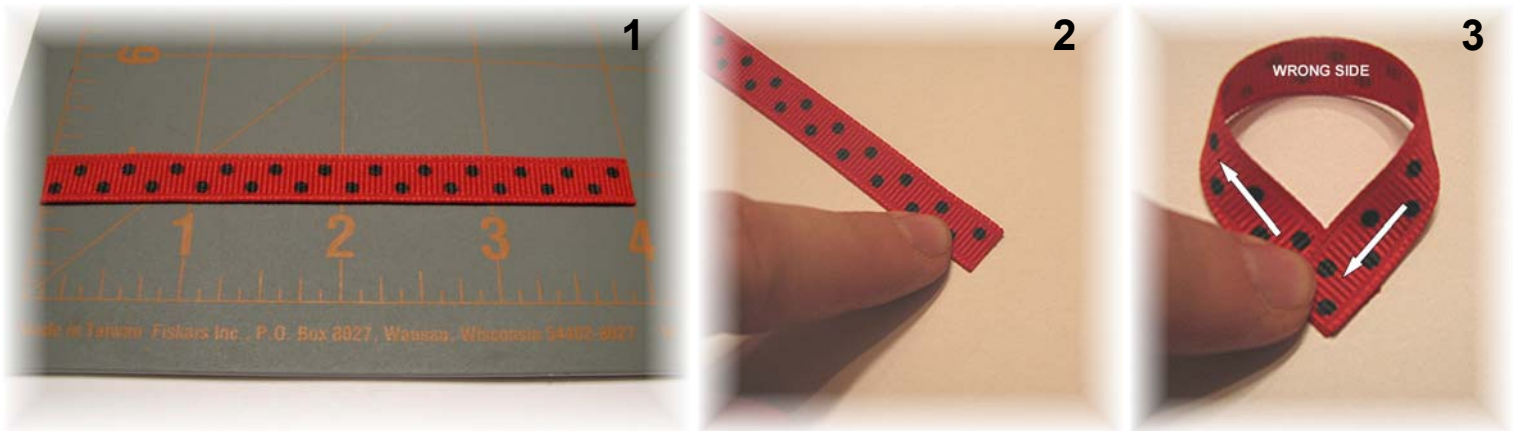
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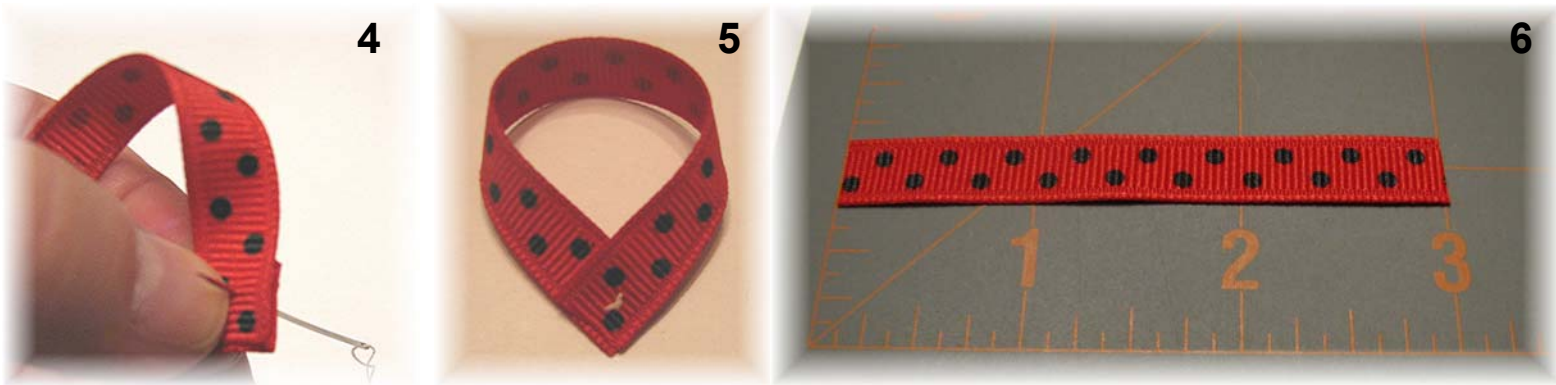


WHEN MAKING the Ladybug Bows, you can make adjustments as necessary. If you want a bigger body, then cut the ribbon bigger, etc. Also, you can use more than 2 loops. Use three or four if you wish. In this example I am using 3/8" Grosgrain Ribbon.



1. Cut your first piece of ribbon to FOUR inches. I'm using 3/8" Red with Black Swiss Dots (<http://www.theribbonretreat.com>). Seal the edges with a lighter.
2. Now take one edge of the ribbon and either hold it down on a flat surface – or you can hold it in your hand -- whichever is easiest for you.
3. Take the OTHER end of the ribbon and bring it around as shown – both edges will be flush with each other. Take note of the WRONG side of the ribbon.

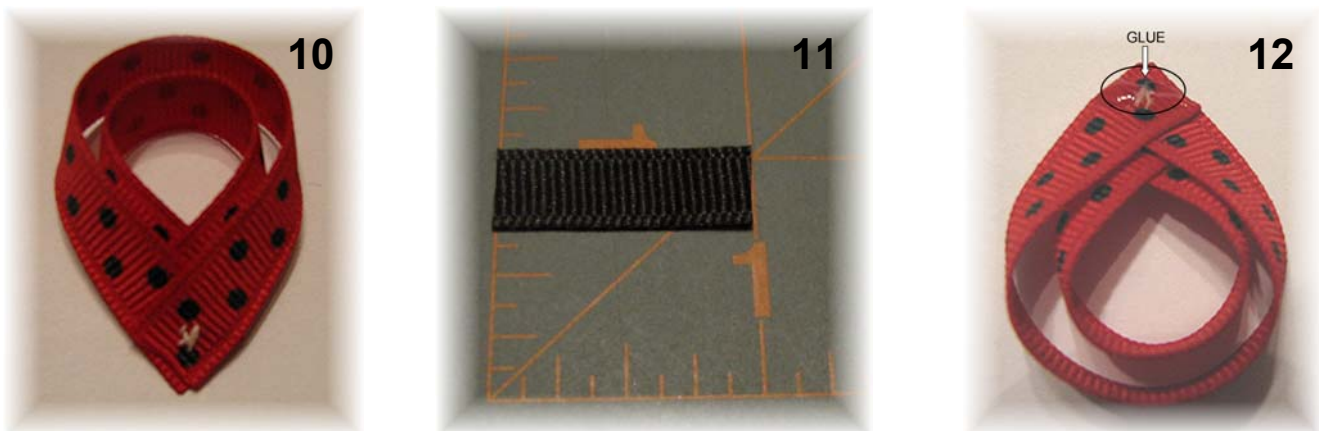
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4. Either **GLUE** or **SEW** the two edges together. I prefer to **SEW** the edges because it's not as bulky as gluing. Plus, I think it holds together better.
5. This is what it will look like so far.
6. Now take your second piece of ribbon and cut it to **THREE** inches. Seal both ends. Repeat **STEPS 2** through 4 with this piece of ribbon.



7. Now you have two loops.
8. Turn them over.
9. Place the smaller loop inside of the bigger loop. You can either have the pointed tips **FLUSH** with each other – or have the smaller loop slightly higher. It's up to you and how you want your finished bug body to look. **GLUE** or **SEW** these two loops together.



10. After the two pieces are put together (sewn or glued), then turn the body back over.
11. Cut a piece of black ribbon to approximately **ONE** inch. Seal the edges.
12. Now place a dab of glue at the tip of the bug body – do not use too much.



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13. Place the black piece of ribbon over the tip of the bug body. Try to make it as even and straight as possible.

14. Turn the bug body over and place another dab of glue at the point. You can put a little glue on the black ribbon as well – just not too much.

15. Now fold both edges of the black ribbon down and press firmly.



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16. Turn the bug body back over and this is what it will look like.

17. Now you will need your antennae, your bug body, and a lined clip – I'm using a double-prong alligator clip, but you can use whatever kind of clip you want. Also, I'm using 1" antennae.

18. Place a dab of glue about a quarter inch or so from the top of the alligator clip. Remember not to use too much glue.



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19. Now carefully place your antennae onto the glue and position them at your desired angles.

20. Place another dab of glue over the antennae and slightly down the alligator clip – about a half inch.

21. Place your bug body onto the clip and press firmly to secure.

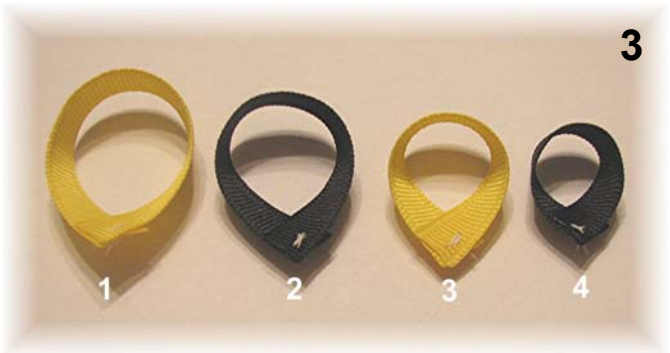
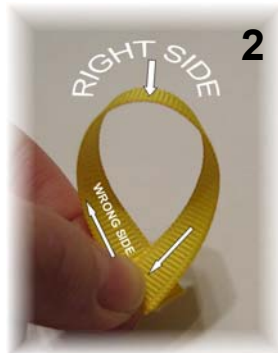
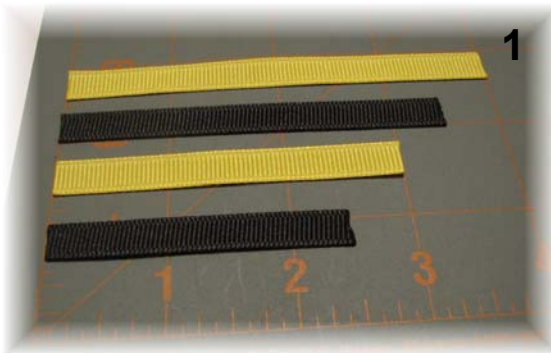
YOU HAVE A FINISHED LADYBUY BOW! CONGRATULATIONS!



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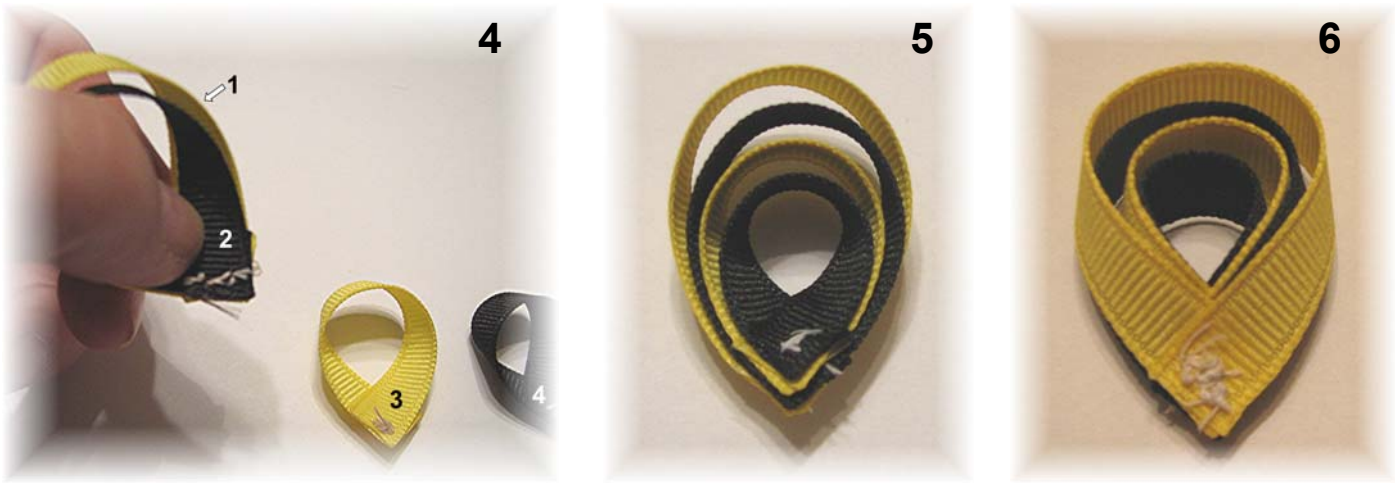


AGAIN, you can make adjustments to these loop sizes as desired. For this example I am using ALL 3/8" ribbon – except for on the wings. You'll need a lined clip/barrette (whatever color you desire) and two antennas.

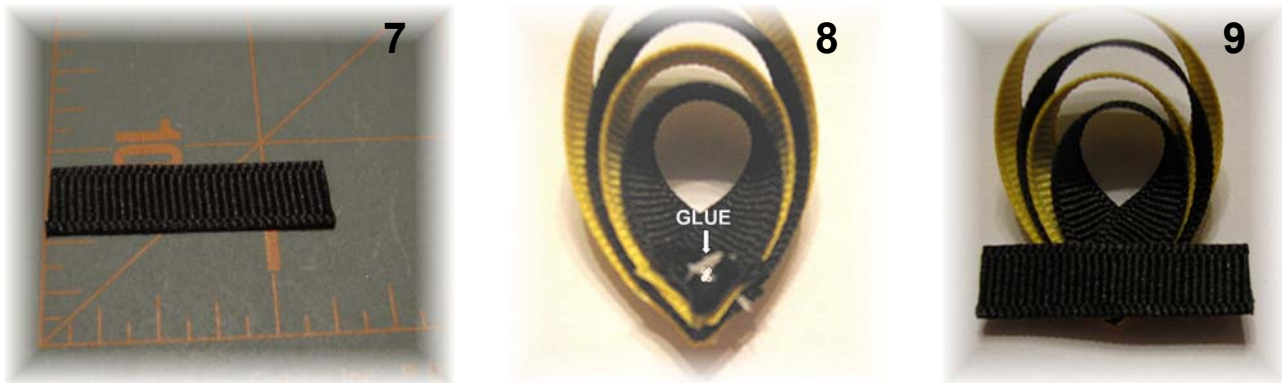


1. Cut FOUR pieces of ribbon at 4 inches, 3 ½ inches, 3 inches, and 2 ½" inches. SEAL the edges.
2. Make a loop with the 4 inch piece – as shown. It's the EXACT same as the Ladybug Loop, just flipped over. Make sure both ribbon ends are flush with each other. Either SEW or GLUE the two edges together. In this example, I've sewn the edges.
3. Repeat with all 4 ribbons – you'll have four different sized loops.

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4. Take Loop 2 and place it INSIDE Loop 1 as shown. SEW or GLUE together.
5. Repeat with Loops 3 and 4 until they're all put together – this is your bug body.
6. For a different look for your bumble bee, you can flip the bug body over and use it that way. Either way will look cute.



7. Cut a piece of black ribbon to approximately 1 ¼". Seal both edges.
8. Place a dab of glue at the tip of the bug body. Remember not to use too much glue.
9. Place the black piece of ribbon evenly onto the tip. Press firmly.



10. Turn the body over and place glue at the tip again.
11. Fold the black ribbon edges over and press firmly to secure.
12. Now make your antennae. For this example, I used 1 inch antennae and curved them slightly.



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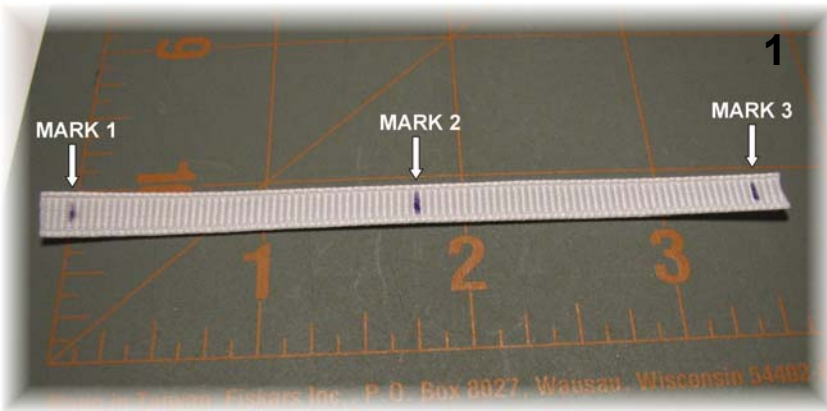
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13. Place a dab of glue at one end of your clip – about ¼” to ½” from the top. Carefully place your antennae onto the glue and position them as desired.

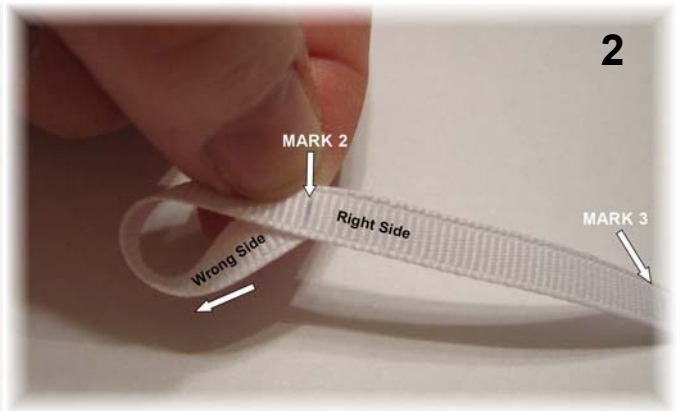
14. Place a little more glue over the antennae and slightly down the clip.

15. Place your bug body onto the glue and press firmly.

NOW WE'RE READY FOR WINGS!! In this example I've used ¼” white grosgrain ribbon. It would look very cute to use sheer ribbon as well.



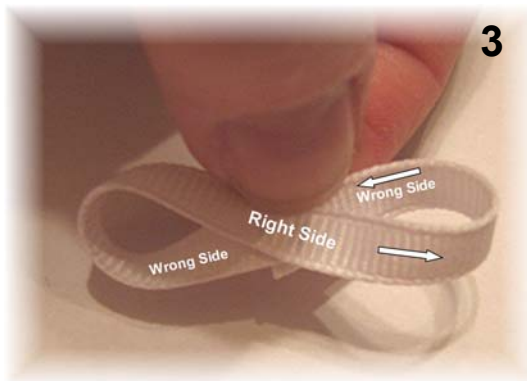
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1. Cut a piece of ribbon to about 3 ½ inches. Make a mark a quarter inch from one end (MARK 1), at 1 ¾” (MARK 2) and at 3 ½” (MARK 3). These marks are on the WRONG side of the ribbon.

2. Make your first loop by placing MARK 2 directly over MARK 1. Use your arrows as guidelines. The two WRONG sides of the ribbon will be touching each other.



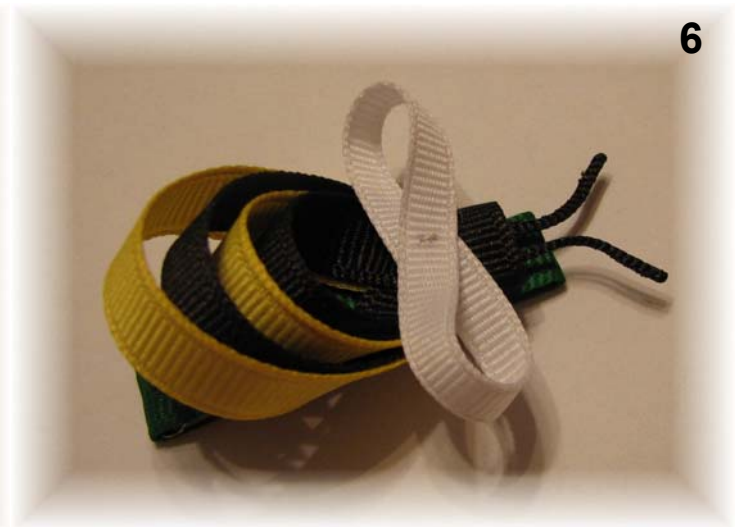
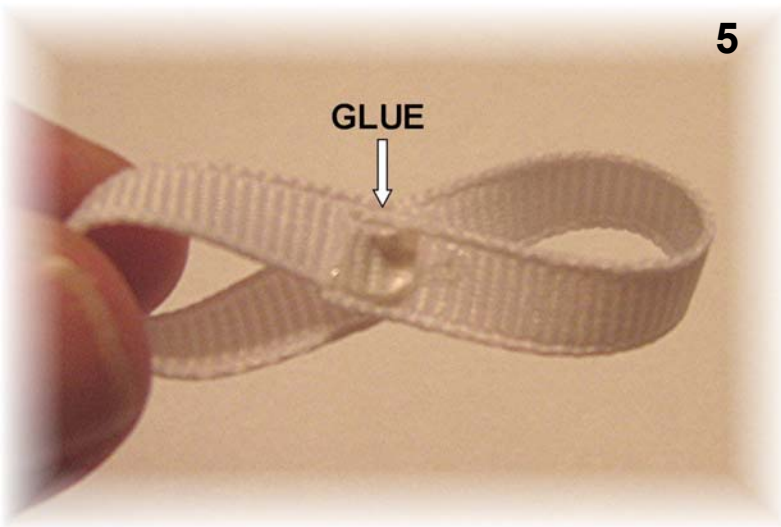
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3. Make your second loop by placing MARK 3 directly BEHIND the bow. This way no tails will be seen. Take note of the WRONG and RIGHT sides of the ribbon.

4. Use a needle and thread to secure the center. With this bow you can see the pen marks. When you make your actual bow, you'll want to use something lighter that won't show through the ribbon.



5. Place a small dab of glue at the back of your wings – the side that has the tails.
6. Glue it onto your bug body.

You now have a finished Bumble Bee. Great Job!

OTHER ANGLES:





~~~ Butterflies ~~~



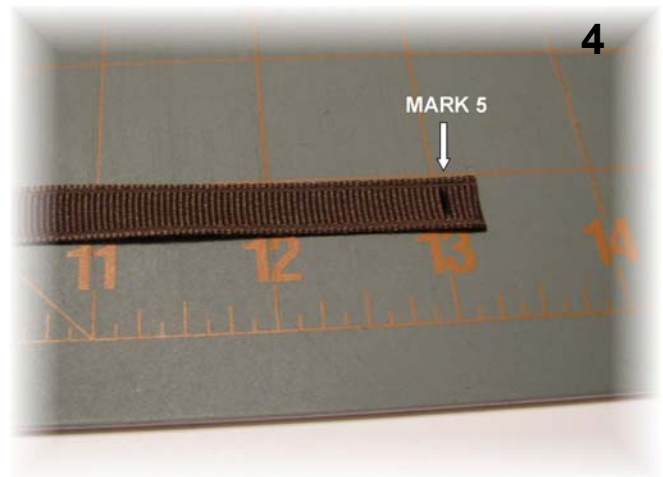
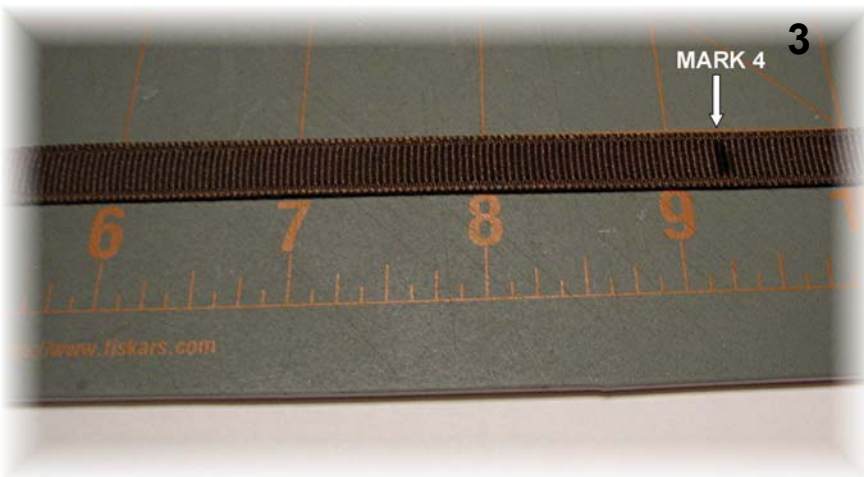
The guidelines given for this bow are just that – guidelines. Once you learn the general fold, make your butterfly as big or as small as you want – and use whatever contrasting colors that you'd like as well. I'll be using 3/8" ribbon for this example. Make sure you have a lined clip/barrette. Oh...and guess what? This fold is the SAME as the Inside-Out Technique. ☺ We're just making the bottom two loops smaller – and no tails.



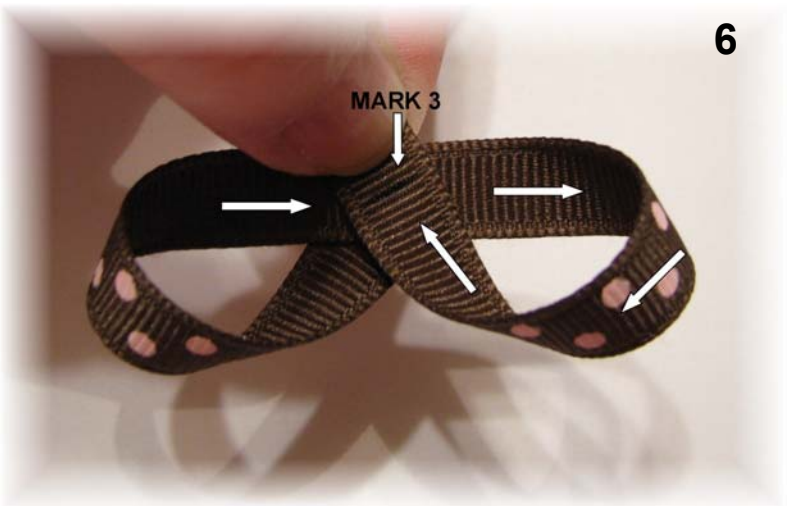
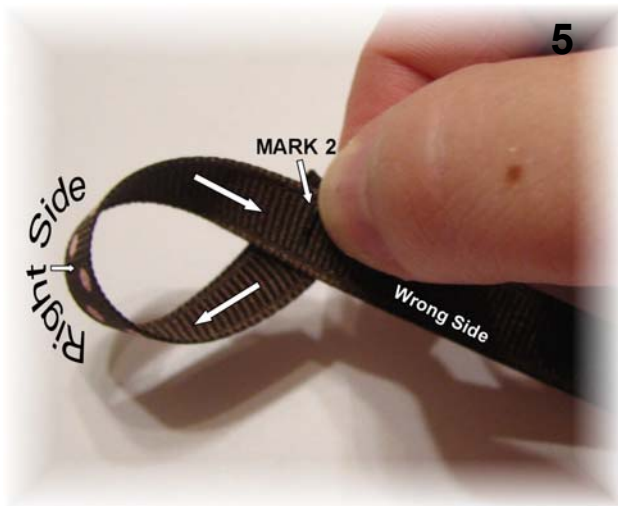
FIRST, we're going to make the WINGS. Cut a piece of ribbon to approximately 13 1/2 inches. You need to make your MARKS on the WRONG side of the ribbon.

1. About a quarter of an inch from one end, make a mark on your ribbon with a pen or pencil (MARK 1). Then at 2 3/4" make a 2nd mark (MARK 2).
2. Make your third mark at 5 1/2" (MARK 3).

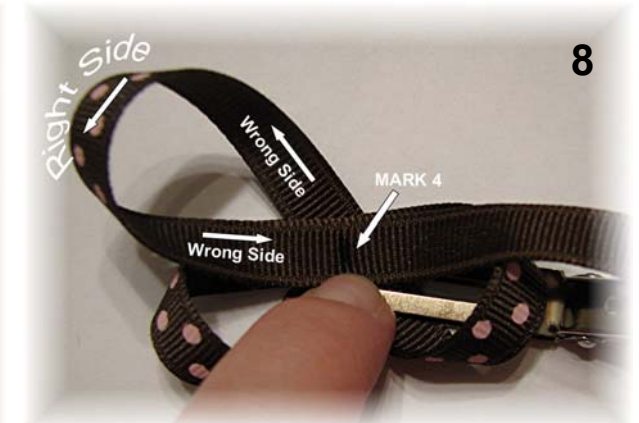
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3. Measure to 9 ¼" and make another mark (MARK 4).
4. Measure to 13" and make your last mark (MARK 5).



5. Make your first loop by placing MARK 2 directly over MARK 1. Take note of the RIGHT SIDE and WRONG SIDE of the ribbon – and follow the direction of the arrows.
6. Make your second loop as shown, by placing MARK 3 directly over top MARK 2 – again following the direction of the arrows.



7. You may at this point find it helpful to use an alligator clip to hold the bow together.
8. For the upper LEFT loop – take the ribbon around and place MARK 4 directly over MARK 3. Remember to take note of the RIGHT and WRONG sides to the ribbon.



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9. Again, you may find it helpful to use the alligator clip to hold everything together.
 10. Take your ribbon around – making your last loop. This time, rather than placing MARK 5 directly over MARK 4, place it in back of the bow – right behind MARK 1. This way you will have NO tails showing. Hold in place either with your fingers, or use the alligator clip for help.

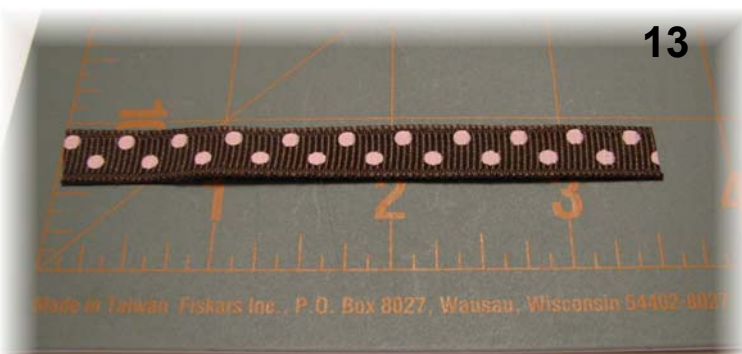


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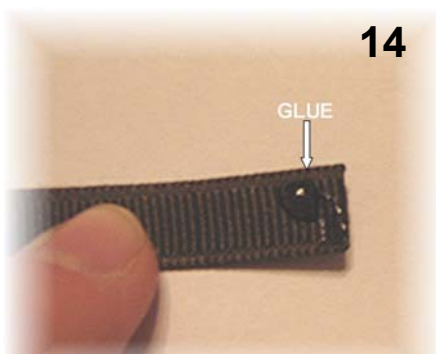


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11. Now use a needle and thread and sew up through the middle – making four or five stitches – enough to really secure everything in place – don't wrap the thread around the center like some of the other techniques. Your WINGS are now finished.
 12. For a Korker Body, cut the Korker to approximately 1 ½ inches – or whatever size you like.

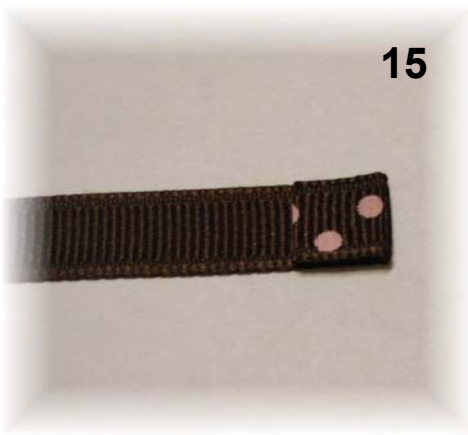


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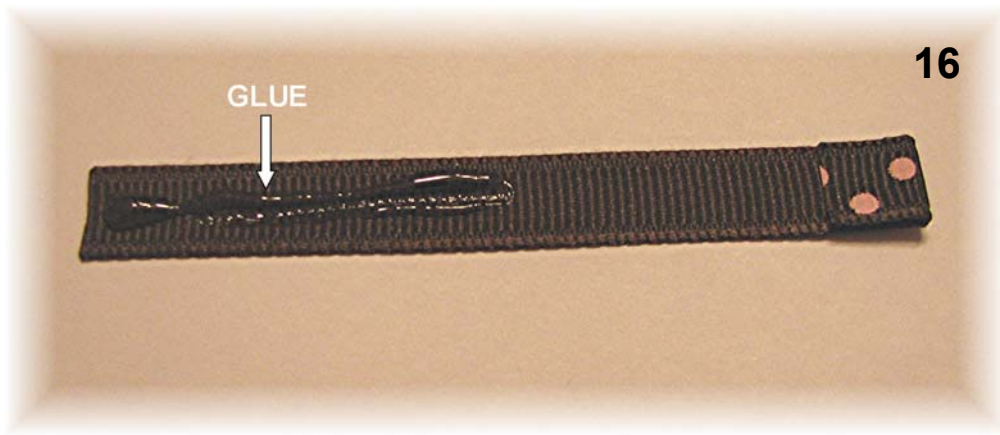


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13. To make a FLAT body, start out by cutting a piece of ribbon to 3 ½". Seal both ends.
 14. Now on the WRONG side of the ribbon, place a dab of glue at one end. Of course if you're using a solid color (no dots on the back), then it really doesn't matter what side of the ribbon you use. 😊



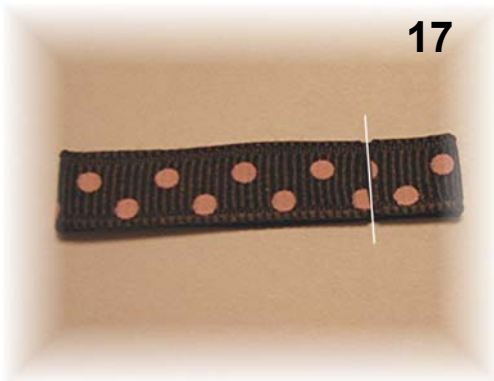
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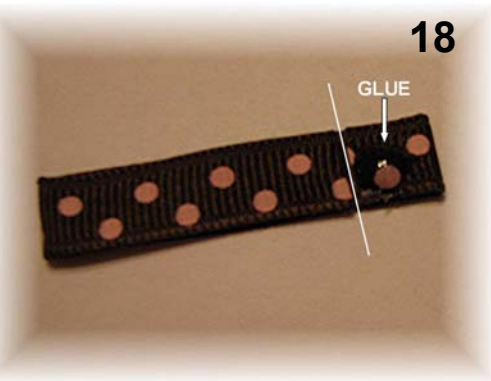
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15. Fold over that edge of ribbon – a little more than a quarter of an inch. Remember not to use a lot of glue – you don't want it seeping out the edges. This will be the "HEAD".

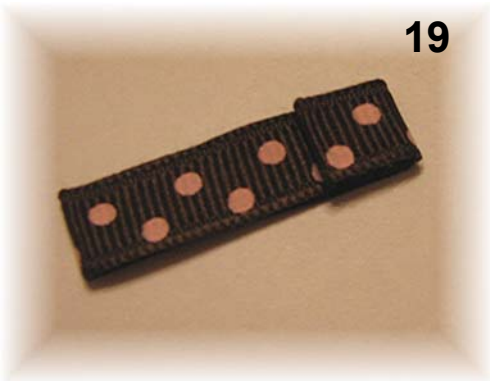
16. Now, on the other end, place glue about half way down the length as shown.



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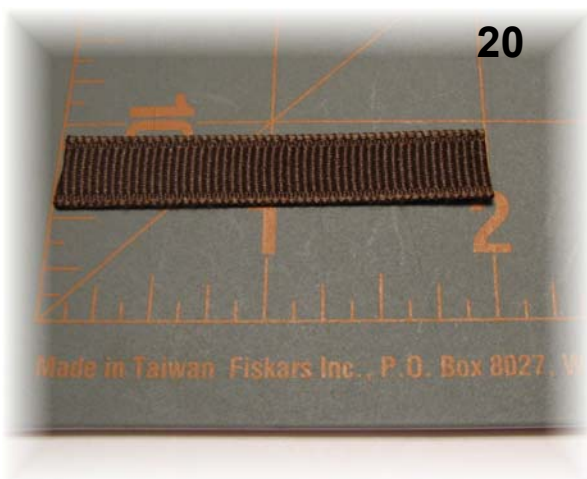


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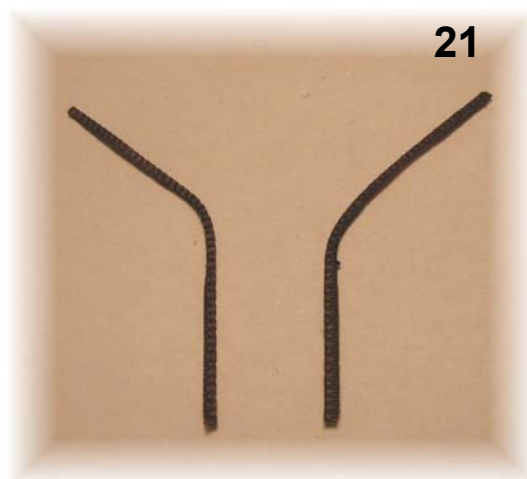
17. Fold the glued end up to meet the "HEAD". The WHITE line is where the two should meet – they shouldn't overlap. This will be the "BODY".

18. Now place another dab of glue on the "HEAD".

19. Fold it over onto the "BODY" and press firmly to secure. This gives the head a much neater appearance.



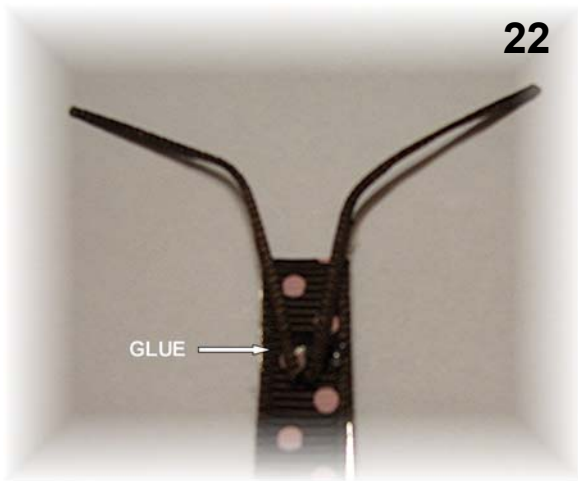
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20. The antennas can be whatever length you desire. For this example, I've made 2" antennas and curved them a little. Remember to concentrate the heat in the area where you want the antenna to curve.

21. Here are the two finished antennas.



22. Place a dab of glue about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the end of your clip/barrette. Carefully place the antennae onto the glue and position them how you'd like.

23. Now place another dab of glue on the clip/barrette and place your wings onto it – pressing firmly to secure in place.



24. Carefully place glue down the middle of the wings and position your BODY onto the wings. You now have a finished Butterfly Bow.

25. Here is another angle.

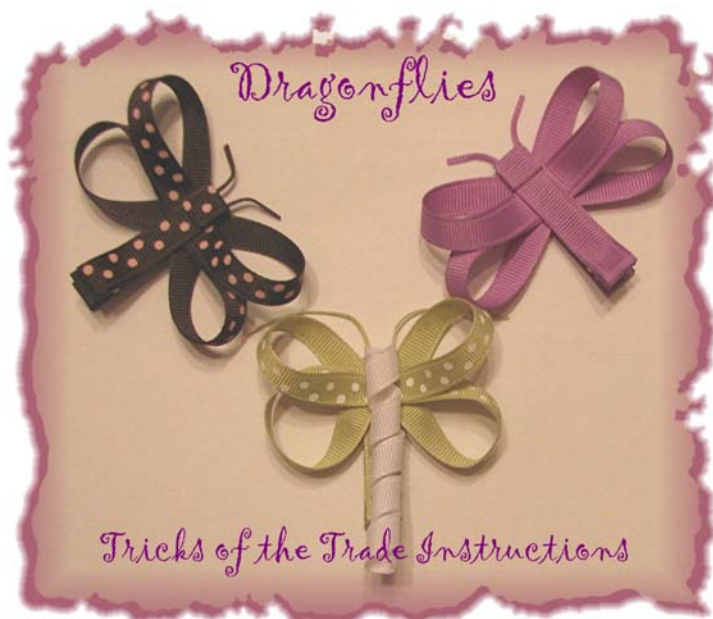


26. This is what the butterfly looks like with a Korker Body.

27. This is a Butterfly made with 3 different layers – I actually used colors from Gymboree's Fiesta Del Sol Line. ☺ Each layer is slightly larger than the next. You'll want to get the fold down before you attempt one like this.



~~~ Dragonflies ~~~



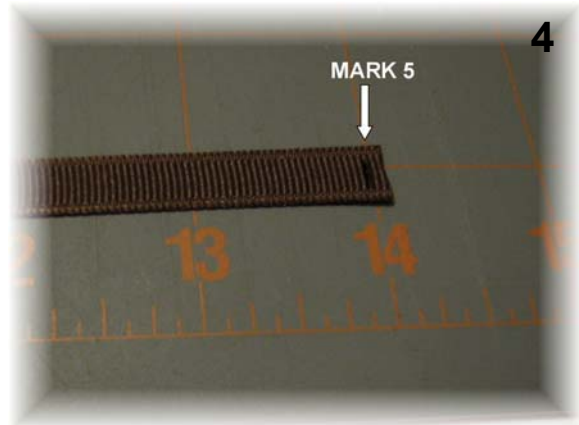
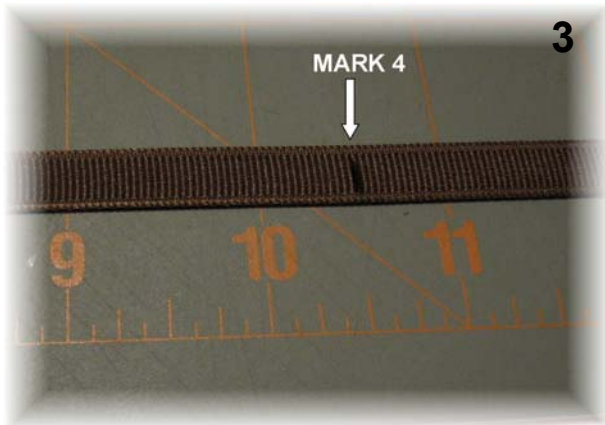
Use whatever contrasting colors you'd like. I kept these dragonflies a little more simple. Again, you'll need a covered clip/barrette. In this example I'll be using 3/8" Grosgrain Ribbon – but feel free to experiment.



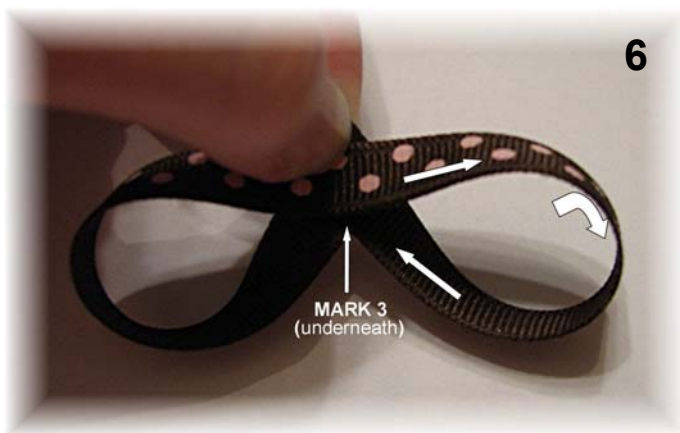
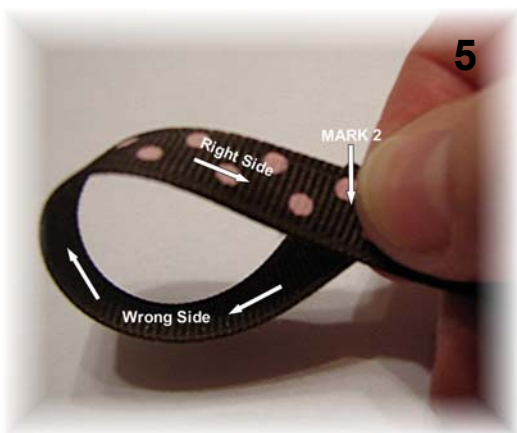
START out by cutting your ribbon to approximately 14 ½ inches. You'll need to place your MARKS on the WRONG side of the ribbon.

1. About ¼" from one end, place your first mark (MARK 1). Then measure to 3 ½" and make another mark (MARK 2).
2. Measure to 7" and make another mark (MARK 3).

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3. Make another mark at 10 ½" (MARK 4).
4. Make your last mark at 14" (MARK 5).



5. Make your first loop by placing MARK 2 (the mark will be on the WRONG side of the ribbon) directly over top MARK 1. The two WRONG sides of the ribbon will be touching each other. Follow the direction of the arrows and note the WRONG side and RIGHT sides to the ribbon.
6. Make your 2nd loop by taking the ribbon around as shown and placing MARK 3 directly behind MARK 1. Again, note the direction of the arrows and the RIGHT and WRONG sides to the ribbon.



7. Use an alligator clip to hold everything together (optional, but helpful).
8. Now take the ribbon around for the third loop. MARK 4 will be directly over the center. The actual MARK will be on the WRONG side of the ribbon. Use the alligator clip to hold everything in place.



9. Make the final loop by placing MARK 5 directly behind the bow – remember to follow the direction of the arrows.
10. Use a needle and thread to sew the bow together in the center. You do not need to wrap the thread around the center – although you can for a different look.
11. Now you have your WINGS.



12. For a Korker Body, cut your Korker to approximately 2 ½” – or more or less – depending on what you like.
13. For the FLAT body, cut your ribbon to approximately 5” and follow steps 14 through 19 for the Butterfly Bow.



14. Put everything together like you do with the Butterfly Bow – it’s exactly the same thing. Refer to Steps 20 to 24 of the Butterfly Bow. For this Dragonfly, I’ve used 1” antennas and a Korker Body.
15. For this Dragonfly, I’ve used 1” antennas and a FLAT body.
16. This picture illustrates the difference between the Dragonfly and the Butterfly – using the exact same ribbon – just a different fold.

GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN making Little Bug Bows!!!