



How to make a Big Bow

The supplies you need are simple.
Some wire edged ribbon (I used about 12 ft. for this bow) and a pipe cleaner or two.



The first thing you do is make the center of your bow by creating a small loop.
Keep your thumb inside the loop, holding down the end of your ribbon as you make the rest of the bow.

From that center loop, create a bigger loop on each side.
Going back and forth while holding the center together.



This ribbon was easy because it was the same on both sides.
If you are using a wire edged ribbon that has a design on one side, you will have to twist the ribbon at the center of the bow, as you begin to make the loops on each side.



I make 4 loops on each side. I try to make them all the same size, but sometimes that doesn't work and that is why we love the wire edge on the ribbon.



To finish off the bow create one large loop that goes down and will loop back up to the bow.

Gather the middle of the bow together, insert the pipe cleaner into the center loop and pull it back gathering all the other loops.

Tighten the center of the bow and twist the pipe cleaner together.

Just trim off the end of the ribbon. Then you can fluff the bow and spread out the loops to get a look that you like.
You also want to decide how long you want your tails to hang and cut them to the desired length.

Even though I've been making these kinds of bows for years, they never turn out 100% perfect.
My loops are rarely the same length, but a lot of the mistakes can be hidden if you use the right kind of ribbon.
It also takes a lot of practice, so don't give up if your first try isn't perfect! :)
Thinner ribbon can be a little easier to handle too.

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