

Sunflower FunKy GirLZ BoW!

Materials needed:

Wire - 18-20 gauge

Clippie of your choice, French clippie is preferred for the stability of the bow

Hot melt glue or Aleene's Tacky Glue

Spray fabric stiffener

White tissue paper or Paper towels

Needle and thread, clear thread is preferred

Note:

You can change any of the above colors and patterns to anything that you wish, have fun with this! I am just letting you know what was specific colored/patterend ribbons were used on this exact bow because we have gotten many request from costumers that want to learn how to make the exact bows the way they were shown in the picture! This is for you girls. :)

Ribbons to Measure and cut (your ribbons of choice)

5, 6" pieces of 1.5" bandana ribbon for your Sunflower

40" of 1.5" solid yellow ribbon

23" of 2.5" black ribbon

8" of 1.5" bandana ribbon

1 piece of 1.5" ribbon cut into a 4" piece



Take 1 piece of your 1.5" ribbon that you have cut to make your Sunflower with the print side of the ribbon facing away from you. Fold over the bottom corner of the ribbon in the picture like so.



You will need to start pinching and pleating your petals for the flower. Take the very corner of the ribbon that you just folded over with your right hand and pleat the ribbon i.e.: A fold in cloth made by doubling material over on itself; something resembling such a fold.

Pleat your ribbon while keeping it nice and secure as you go along so it doesn't come apart.



You have a choice of wiring this petal to hold it or sewing it with a few

stitches. I would not recommend the wiring if you are just starting out making hair bows because it takes practice to be able to wire a piece like this without it UN raveling on you.

When you come to the end of your ribbon you will have a pretty petal like in the above picture. Sew a few stitches in the pleated bottom area of the petal. Repeat steps 1-4 with your remaining 4 flower petals.



Take a finished petal of your flower and sew another petal next to it, it will hold with only a few stitches. If you are wiring just wire them together. Now sew or wire a 3rd, 4th and final petal together so that you now have a full lovely Sunflower like the above picture. Put your flower aside.



Make a large "Classic Hair Bow with tails"

Measure 40" of 1.5" solid yellow ribbon or in this case black and white striped ribbon. Take your ribbon between your thumb and forefinger leave 3 inches hanging or so hanging before you start your bow (which would be one of your tails)

Make a 5-6" loop. Take your ribbon and make another loop opposite from the first loop like in pictures #6 and 7.



Make a third loop by bringing the long part of Your ribbon up and tuck it under the loop.



Make your last loop by bringing it up and over Your bow. The tail will be at the top of your Bow. Trim your tails by cutting them on an angle.



Hold your bow tightly and clinch it in the middle and secure it with a piece of wire or elastic band.



Measure and cut 8" of 1.5" bandana ribbon. Fold over each end of your ribbon and cut out a V shape so that each end of your ribbon resembles a fishes tail like in picture #10. In the center of your ribbon clinch it and wire it on an angel to the back of your Classic Bow with tails that you just

made.



Flip it over and your bow will look like picture #11. Put aside.

Make a tuxedo bow.

Measure and cut 23" of 2.5" black grosgrain ribbon or in black with white dots ribbon in this case.



Holding ribbon face up measure about one inch, twist between fingers 1/2 turn and measure about four inches. Fold ribbon to form a loop, making sure to hold between fingers tightly to secure.



Twist ribbon again 1/2 turn and continue this process in the opposite direction, making a loop on the other side.

Next measure approx. 3 inches of ribbon to form a loop, twist 1/2 turn, measure three inches to form a loop on the opposite side.

Take a piece of wire, clear string or elastic band about four or so inches long and crisscross across the center of the bow, make sure that You cinch down tightly!!



Trim off the excess ribbon while leaving about 1/4 inch extending from the center in front and back of the bow.



Use 2-3" of matching ribbon to create a center loop. Hot glue the loop to the center of the bow and around to the back.



Do not add the Ghosty on the bow, this was just to show you how the bow looks when it is done.

Now you need to wire-attach your Classic Bow, Sunflower Bow and Tuxedo Bow all together!
Cut a nice long piece of wire 12" or so.



Wire your Tuxedo bow on top of your Classic Bow.



Like so. In picture #13

Place your Sunflower bow on top of your Tuxedo Bow and wire it onto the other bows that you just wired together.



Here is a picture of it done in Yellow.

Take 1 piece of 1.5" ribbon cut into a 4" piece. Smear Aleene's tacky glue on one side of the ribbon and then fold the glued side in half. When it is nice and dry cut out a 1 and 1/2" to a 2" circle. Glue it to the center of your Sunflower.

(Please do not use hot melt glue for this! you cannot smear hot melt glue, it will make your center of your flower all bumpy!)

Now take your white tissue paper or paper towels and make a few little poof's with it and stick a poof into each loop of your bows. You are doing this to prop up your hair bows in the shape that you like before your spray them with fabric stiffner in order to give them more life! You just don't want a flat plain bow.

After you have propped up your bows and have them in the shape that you want spray it with your fabric stiffner. When it dries well gently remove all of your poofs of tissue paper. Much nicer now, it has some life to it. :)

(Note: Please NEVER use colored tissue paper! some colors can stain your ribbon, don't take any chances, if you don't have tissue paper paper towels work just as well!

Walla! You did it! Not only did you learn how to make the Sunflower layered FunKY BoW but you also just learned how to make *3* other hair bows! The Flower Bow, The Classic Bow and The Tuxedo Bow! YaY for you! WTG!! =)



Here is a picture of it done in orange.

This is a lovely Flower bow, you can make it with solid colored ribbon or printed and Add a clippie on the back and you have a beautiful flower bow. :)