

# How to Make a Simple Bow

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This tutorial will show you how to make a simple bow using our custom made Bow Maker. The dowels fit into holes that are about an inch apart and can be moved depending upon the size of the bow that you want to make. See our free video tutorial on our website: <http://www.enchanteddreamsshop.com/tutorials.html>



In order to make a two loop bow, start with a length of ribbon about 3-4" in your left hand (**fig. 1**). Use your left fingers to pinch the ribbon against the **back** of the left dowel. (**fig. 2**) Cross over to the back of the right dowel and then start making loops (**fig. 3**) around the dowels from the back to the front in a figure eight. (**fig. 4**) This completes one loop. (**fig. 5**) Each completed loop adds a loop to the finished bow. When you have completed the number of loops that you want your bow to have (Note: our example is a two loop bow shown in diagram), when you stop, you should have the original length of ribbon held on the left dowel in your left hand on the back, while the other end of the ribbon, in your right hand is in front of the right dowel with the appropriate number of loops completed around the dowels. (**fig. 6**) Pull the end of the ribbon in your right hand underneath the open area between the dowels to the back. (**fig. 7**) (You can pinch the center of the ribbons with your left fingers if this will help you.) Crisscross the ribbons in the back and take the ribbon coming from the left side over the top of the open area (**fig. 8**), then feed it back through underneath to the back again. (**fig. 9**) Complete the bow by tying a square knot (**fig. 10**) but do not pull tight at this time. Take this opportunity to make adjustments to the ribbons on the dowels so that the bow will be more full. Once you're pleased with these adjustments, tighten the knot in back. (**fig. 11**) You can trim the ends of the bow while it is still held in place by the dowels before slipping off the ends. (**fig. 12**)

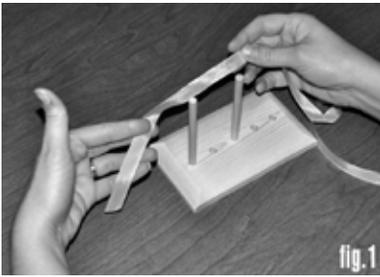


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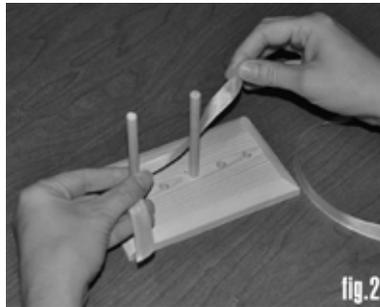


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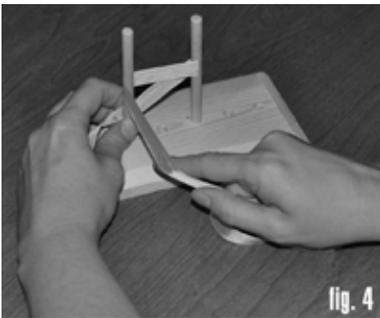


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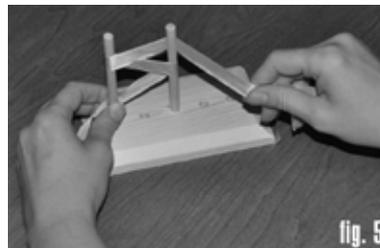


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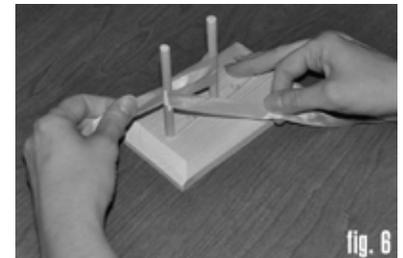


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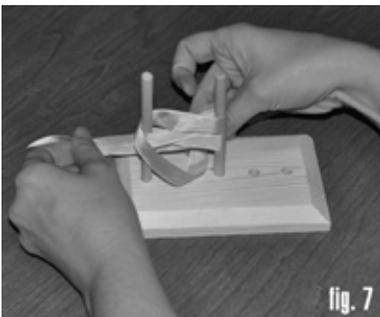


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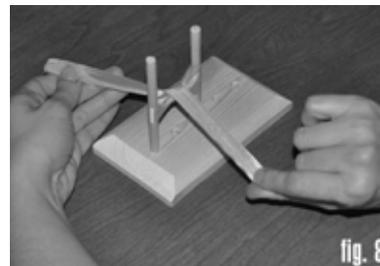


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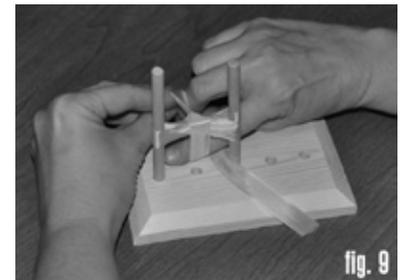


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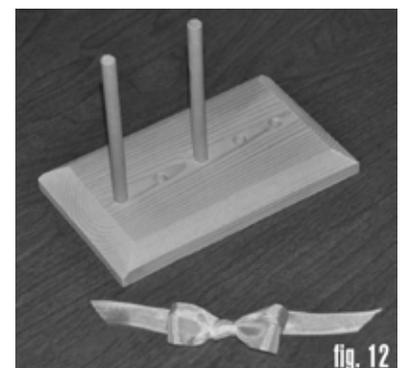


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