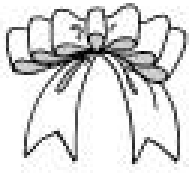


# E•Z BOW MAKER™ INSTRUCTIONS

For Large or Deluxe  
E•Z BOW MAKER

The E•Z BOW MAKER was designed to make bow making easy! By simply twisting the ribbon and inserting it between the dowels you can create professional looking bows every time.

Instructions for these 8 bows are



**Floral Bow**

**Layered Bow** included:



**Wreath Bow**



**Tree Top Bow**



**Swag Bow**



**Pew Bow**



**Double Ribbon Bow**



**Nested Bow**

By using your E•Z BOW MAKER you will be able to create beautiful designer bows from the simple instructions provided here. All you will need to make any of these bows is your E•Z BOW MAKER, ribbon and medium (24 or 26) gauge floral wire.

The E•Z BOW MAKER consists of dowels to hold the ribbon and a numbered measuring base. The base is numbered from 1 to 8 which indicates the loop size in inches. Simply change the loop size to make any of these bows larger or smaller.

We recommend HORIZON RIBBON for their quality and designs.

## Bow Makers

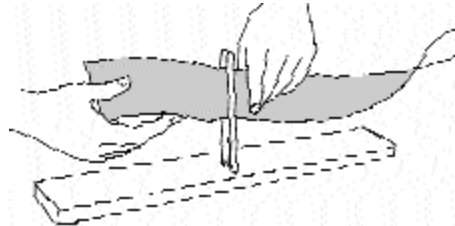


To assemble your bow maker, tap large dowels into large holes and small dowel (Deluxe model only) into smaller front hole. Dowels are deliberately larger than holes for a tight fit and must be tapped in with a hammer. Dowels will angle slightly and touch at the top. They are not meant to be removed after assembly.

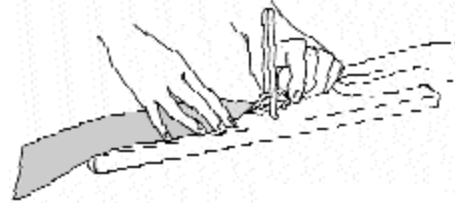
## FLORAL BOW

This bow can be made with six yards of 1 7/16" or 2 5/8" ribbon. You may decrease the yardage if you are using wired ribbon or increase it if the ribbon is a very thin ribbon such as Lamé. These instructions are for an 8" bow with 8" streamers. This is an excellent bow to use when wrapping packages.

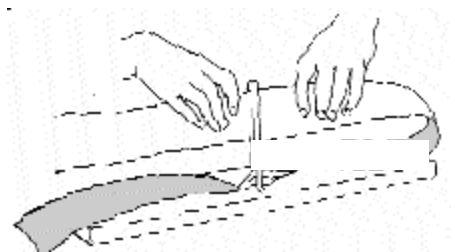
STEP 1- Place a 16" piece of medium gauge wire between the dowels. Place ribbon between dowels sideways.



For streamer, measure the cut end of ribbon to 8 inches and twist a 1/2 turn at bottom of dowels.



STEP 2- Measure ribbon to 4 inches then fold back toward dowels (don't crease) to form a loop. Insert ribbon 1/2 turn.



STEP 3- Measure to 4 inches on opposite side and repeat the process in STEP 2. Continue process until you have completed 8 loops on each side of measuring base.

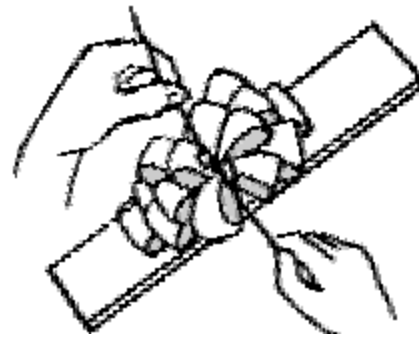


STEP 4- TO CREATE A CENTER LOOP make a single 1 1/2" or 2" loop on one side after you have completed all other loops. Wire as described in Step 6 then pull the small loop to the center of the bow to hide the wire.

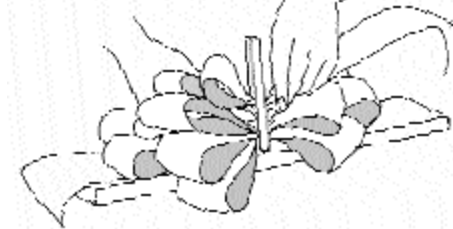


STEP 5- After completing the loops cut away remaining ribbon leaving 8 inches for the streamer.

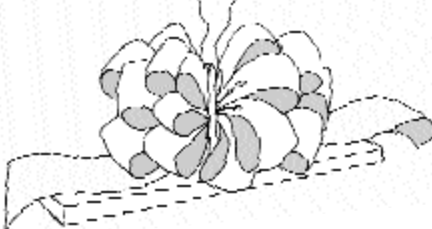
STEP 6- Holding an end of the wire in each hand, crisscross the wires between the dowels and cinch down tightly.



STEP 7 - Before removing bow from bow maker, separate and fan loops to form a fluffy bow. Fan out the loops on each side of the bow starting with the bottom loops. Place your hand inside each loop as you pull to create a full, professional looking bow. The flat, broad part of the ribbon (not the edges) should face upward.



STEP 8 - Gently lift the bow from the dowels while holding firmly in the center with your thumb facing up. Turn the bow upside down and pull both wires firmly to tighten. Finally, twist wires around each other so that they cannot come undone.



VARIATION: For a more layered look make each set of loops 1/4" to 1/2" shorter than the set of loops beneath them.

HELPFUL HINTS: Ribbon that is the same on both sides may be pinched together in the center and placed between dowels instead of twisting. Wire tightly. It is very important that the center of the bow be wired as tightly as possible. Twisting the wire at the base of the bow will increase the tension. This allows the loops to be moved independently and makes a fuller, more attractive bow.

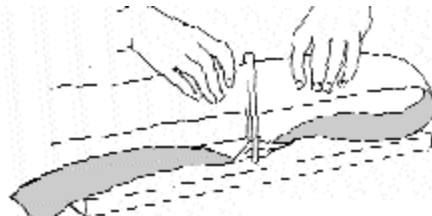
## TREE TOP BOW

**Small and Medium Bows -**

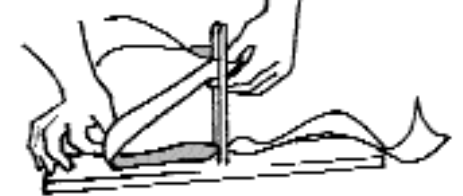
You can make a Tree Top bow for smaller Christmas trees out of 1 7/16 inch or #9 ribbon by following the instructions for the floral bow, but eliminate the center loop. You may want to increase the loop length if desired.

**Large Bows -** For large trees you will need to use 2 3/4 inch (#40 ribbon) or larger. You will need 10 to 12 yards of ribbon. If you are using wired ribbon you will usually require 8 to 10 yards and heavy gauge wire (22 or 24 gauge works best).

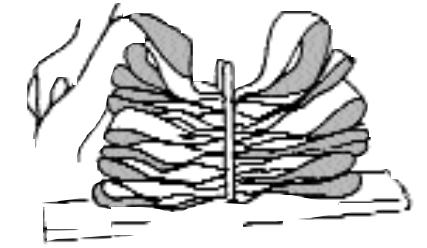
STEP 1- Place a 16 inch wire between the dowels. Using #40 ribbon, hold ribbon face up and measure 8 inches. Place ribbon sideways between dowels and twist 1/2 turn.



STEP 2- Measure to 6 inches and fold over to form a loop. Place between dowels then twist 1/2 turn.



STEP 3- Continue forming 6 inch loops on each side of the dowels.



Twist the ribbon 1/2 turn between the dowels each time until you have completed 10 to 12 loops on each side. To complete, follow instructions in STEPS 5-8 for Floral Bows.

## WREATH BOW

Use approximately 4 yards of 2 3/4 inch (#40 ribbon) to make this bow.



STEP 1- Place a 16" piece of wire between the dowels. Make a 16 inch streamer (about the length of the Bow Maker). Place ribbon sideways between dowels, and twist 1/2 turn.

STEP 2- Measure to 5 inches and fold over to form a loop. Insert ribbon between dowels then twist 1/2 turn.



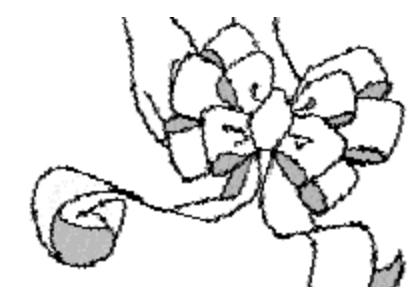
Make three loops 5 inches long on each side of the dowel. Then measure to 4 inches and make two more loops on each side 4 inches long.



STEP 3- Make a single 1 1/2" to 2" loop on one side of the dowels for a center loop. Follow instructions in STEP 4-8 for FLORAL BOW to wire and complete bow.



STEP 4 - Wire tightly and separate loops so that the three 5 inch loops fan out across the bottom on each side of the bow and the two 4 inch loops lay side by side on top of the 5 inch loops. Leave the remaining ribbon to form another 16" streamer. Cutting diagonally, trim both tails to equal lengths.



## PEW BOW

You will need to use approximately 8 yards of 1 7/16 (#9) ribbon or 6 yards of 2 3/4 inch (#40) ribbon. Moire, acetate, waterproof Flora Satin or wired ribbon are your best choices.



Pew bows can be made with or without a center loop depending on your preference.

Measure streamer to desired length, usually 24 to 36 inches. Using #9 or

#40 ribbon, follow instructions for large Tree Top Bow except you may reduce the number of loops to 7 or 8 on each side. Wire with 24 gauge wire that can easily be taped to pews with clear packing tape or attached to pew bow holders. Cut bottom of streamers on a diagonal or in a "V" notch.

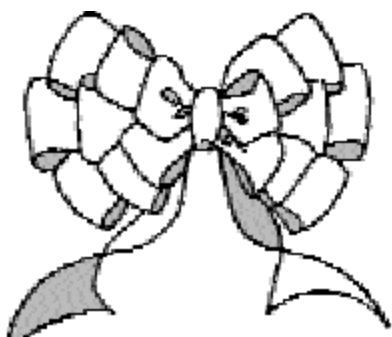
**VARIATION #1** - By following instructions for the double ribbon bow and using lace layered over the other ribbon you can create beautiful pew bows.

**VARIATION #2** - For a unique and elegant pew bow, follow the instructions for the nested bow and use 4 to 8 inch tulle or netting in the center of the bow. To add tulle or netting, simply fold it into five 4 or 5 inch loops on each side of the dowels and wire into the center of the bow. Add tulle or net streamers also if desired.

**VARIATION #3** - Add fresh or silk ivy, flowers or pearls to your pew bows. They can be wired or hot glued to the center of the bow or can cascade beneath the bow with the streamers.

## SWAG BOW

This is a beautiful decorative bow that can be added to swags, wreaths, garlands or other home



door items.

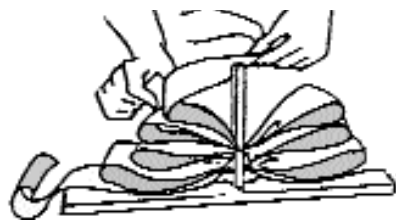
This bow should be made with a slightly stiff craft ribbon or wired ribbon. 2 3/4" (#40) ribbon is best although this bow can be made with 1 7/16" to 4 inch ribbon also. You will need about 6 to 7 yards depending on the length of the streamers.

**STEP 1** - Place a 16" wire between the dowels. Holding ribbon face up measure 16 inches, place between dowels then twist 1/2 turn.

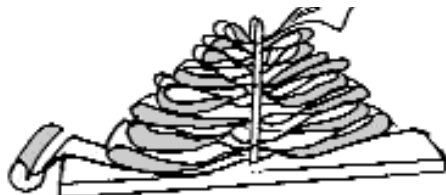
**STEP 2** - Measure to 7 inches and fold over to form a loop. Insert ribbon between dowels then twist 1/2



**STEP 3** - Next make 2 loops on each side of dowels 6 inches long. Make another 3 loops on each side 5 inches long, then 2 loops on each side 4 inches long.



**STEP 4** - Make a single 2 inch loop on one side of the dowels for the center loop.



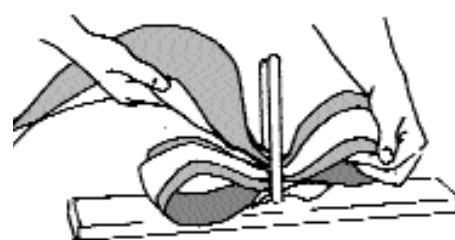
Follow STEPS 6,7 and 8 of the FLORAL BOW instructions to wire and complete bow. Cut streamers to equal length and fluff bow.

## DOUBLE RIBBON BOW

Almost any bow can be made using two ribbons. The Floral Bow, Tree Top Bow, Pew Bow and Swag Bow lend themselves well to this variation.



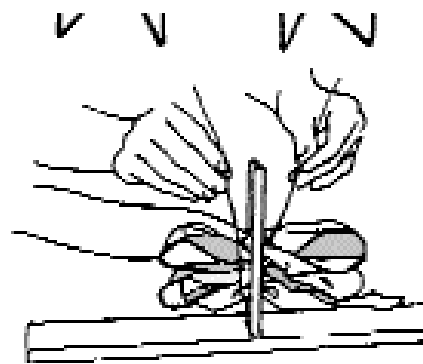
Determine which style bow you want to make. Lay one ribbon on top of the other and follow the instructions for the bow you have selected.



You will be able to reduce the yardage of each ribbon when making a Double Ribbon Bow.

Wire tightly with 24 gauge wire and spread loops apart then separate the loops of both ribbons from each other until bow is full and even.

**VARIATION:** Lay lace or a narrower ribbon on top of the base ribbon. Keeping the two colors of ribbon together, separate the loops for a beautiful, layered effect.



## LAYERED BOW

This bow is very attractive on packages and swags. Make a smaller version and place on the limbs of your Christmas tree. This bow should be made with ribbon no smaller than 1 7/16 inch (#9) ribbon and is most effective with 2 3/4 inch (#40) ribbon. This bow will require approximately 3 yards of ribbon.

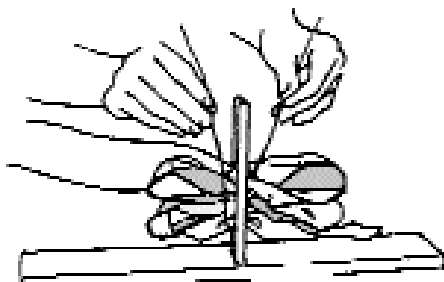
**STEP 1** - Place a 16 inch wire between the dowels. Holding the ribbon face up measure six inches then twist 1/2 turn and place between dowels. Measure 5 inches fold over to form a loop, then twist a half turn and insert between dowels. Repeat on opposite side.

**STEP 2** - Measure to 4 inches, fold over to form a loop and twist. Insert between dowels. Repeat on opposite side.

**STEP 3** - Measure to 3 inches. Fold over to form a loop, insert ribbon between dowels and twist 1/2 turn. Repeat on opposite side.



**STEP 4** - Make a single 1 1/2 to 2 inch loop on one side of the dowels for the center loop.

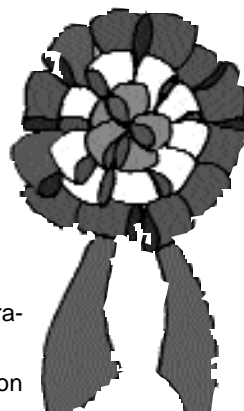


**STEP 5** - Crisscross wire between dowels. Follow instructions in STEP 6-8 for FLORAL BOW. Finally, trim streamers to equal lengths and fluff.



## NESTED BOW

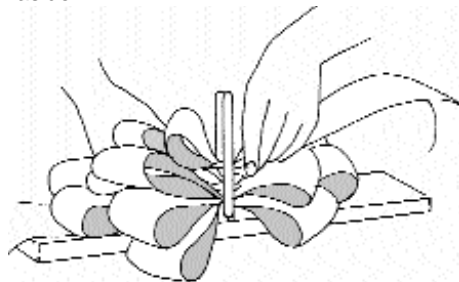
This is basically a multilayered floral bow. It is most often used when combining colors such as red, white and blue for decoration. This method can also be used on the Tree Top Bow and the Pew Bow to achieve a layering of colors and textures. Use 1 7/16" (#9) or 2 3/4" (#40) ribbon. You may reduce total number of loops when using #40 ribbon or wired ribbon.



**STEP 1** - Follow instructions STEPS 1-3 for the FLORAL BOW except you will measure to 6 inches on the measuring base and make 4 to 6 loops on each side. After completing loops, cut away remaining ribbon, leaving a streamer the length of the first streamer.

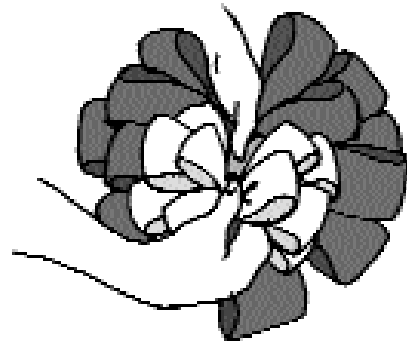


**STEP 2** - For your second layer, begin with streamers. This time you will measure to 5 inches on the measuring base and complete 4 loops. After completing loops cut away remaining ribbon. Follow STEP 5 for FLORAL BOWS and set aside.



**STEP 3** - To add a third color, repeat process using another color ribbon. This time measure loops to 4 inches and complete 3 to 5 loops on each side. Follow STEP 5-8 for FLORAL BOWS to complete bow.

**STEP 4** - If a third color is added, place the third ribbon on top of the other two. Wire tightly by twisting the wire at the base of the bow then fluff and separate loops.



**VARIATION:** To create exquisite multilayered bows mix complementary colors and textures or ribbon and simply make each layer of ribbon different from and smaller than the previous layer. This is an excellent way to use small amounts of yardage of left over ribbon..These will probably become some of your favorite bows to make!

## HELPFUL HINTS:

1. Remember that you will start with your streamer right side up and end with a streamer right side up.
2. To eliminate waste when making multiple bows, buy a full spool of ribbon and don't pre-cut lengths.
3. Twist the wire at the back of the bow to tighten if necessary.
4. Practice the floral bow first. The technique for all bows will be the same only the number and size of loops will change with each bow.
5. With the exception of the center loop, you always have the same size and number of loops on each side.
6. When forming a loop, measure ribbon to the base of the dowels not the top for a true measurement.

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