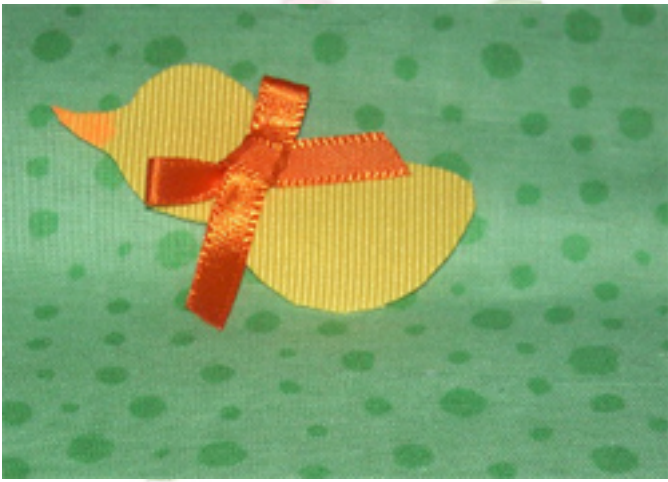


Shapes would include things like your fruit bows, some of your character bows etc.

This is *My shape method* that I came up with as an easier way to make all different kinds of fun bows! You can use children's coloring books, you would want the most simplest of coloring books for young children. You can find soooooooooo many nice shapes in them that you can cut out and trace onto your ribbon. Cookie cutters are also great! because they are made in the most simplest of forms but yet we can tell what they always are. Use your cookie cutter, trace it on your ribbon, cut it out and decorate! Now if you plan on doing *My shape method* I would suggest keeping 2.5" width grosgrain ribbon around in different colors and even different designs. This way if a spark of creativity hits you have the ribbon that you will most likely use because

you need a wider area to work with to make your shapes/pictures with. Always remember that you need to sandwich your ribbon i.e.: double the amount of ribbon that you need, fold over and glue. When dry then cut out your designs. You do this so that your designs can have stability so it will not just flop around and bend on your clippies. I use "Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue" with this because when it dries it hardens somewhat for even more stability. It would also be a good idea to keep fabric paint pens handy for things like adding a smile, a nose, seeds to your watermelon and so on.

Here is a shape bow or a Duckie. Her body was made rather small because she is going to be made into a "Fuzzy Duckie" with yellow marabou glued to her body.



Another thing that you can do with your "Shape Method" bows, add your figure on top of a pretty bow and glue it in place. This would be especially good if you are doing something that will be in pieces like a bunch of grapes or a caterpillar.