

## Sunflower - Flower Bow!

### Materials needed:

Wire - 18-20 gauge

Clippie of your choice

Hot melt glue or Aleene's Tacky Glue

Spray fabric stiffener

Needle and thread, clear thread is preferred

Ribbons to Measure and cut (your ribbons of choice)

5, 6" pieces of 1.5" ribbon for your Sunflower - Flower

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.

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!)

Spray it with fabric stiffener and you are all done! :) Imagine how many different and cute combinations of flowers that you can create? The possibilities are endless! :)