

A Cornelius Bow

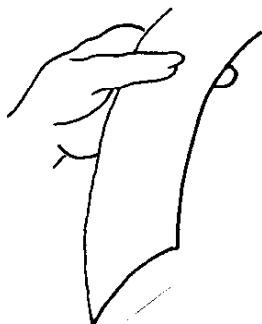
Add a special touch to your holidays with a handmade bow. Suggestions for tying: The example below is one of many bows made at Cornelius. These instructions may be used for a bow of any size.

- a. Measure yardage needed.
- b. Cut streamer length according to where and how bow will be used.
- c. Bend wire or chenille to resemble hairpin.

Step 1

Start by holding ribbon with left hand as shown. Using right hand, begin "pushing-in" to form gathers.

Note: Shaded areas on diagrams denote wrong side of ribbon.



Step 2

To form knot

- a. Hold gathers with left thumb and for finger.



- b. Using right hand twist only the upper portion of ribbon to left positioning wrong side toward you.



- c. Bring ribbon forward and loop to position for knot. "Push-in" gathers here to form knot.

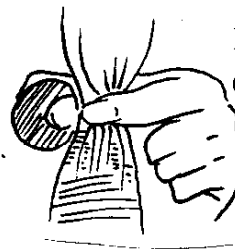
Knot - front view

- d. "Push-in" with right hand to form gathers. Knot made-again note position of thumb inside knot.



Knot - back view

- e. Note thumb inside knot.



Knot complete

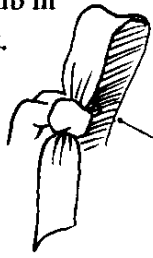
- f. Now, twist upper portion of ribbon as shown above in Step 2b so as to have right side of ribbon facing you.



Step 3

Forming Loops

Remember:
keep left thumb in knot.



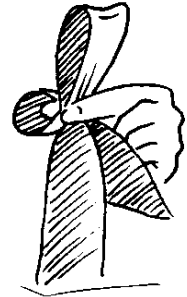
a. Form first loop. "Push-in" here with right hand to form gathers.

b. Gathers completed, holding with left thumb and forefinger.



Back View

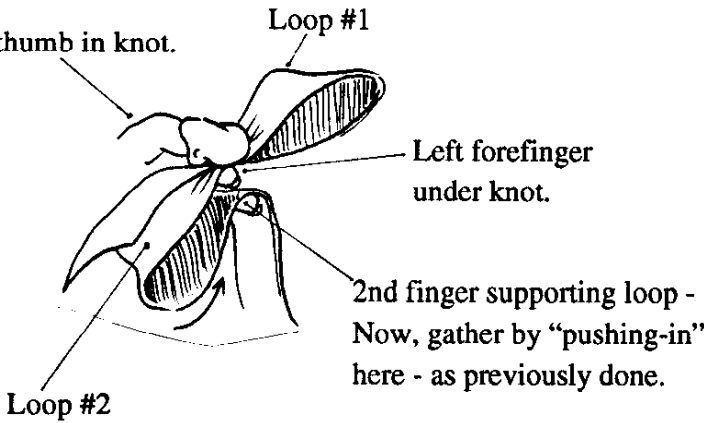
d. Keep thumb in knot.



c. Don't forget to twist in order to have right side up (facing you) before making 2nd loop.

Now, you're ready for the 2nd loop.

e. Left thumb in knot.



Loop #1

Left forefinger under knot.

2nd finger supporting loop - Now, gather by "pushing-in" here - as previously done.

Loop #2

Don't Forget to keep thumb in knot.



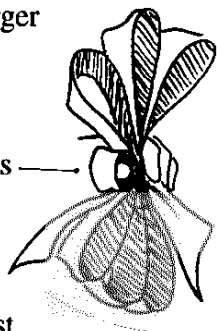
f. Don't Forget to Twist before going on to make Loop #3 (one way to remember - always have right side of ribbon facing you before going on to make next loop).

Each gather goes directly behind the previous twist.

Loop #2 completed.

g. You are ready to make succeeding loops. These can be made increasingly larger than loops #1 and #2 if desired.

Remember your thumb is still in the knot.



After last loop has been made, remember to Twist remaining end of ribbon. (Right side up with right hand).

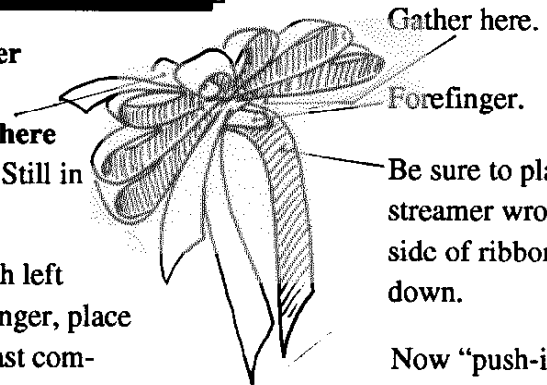
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Step 4

Adding streamer

Don't Forget where your thumb is! Still in the knot.

Holding bow with left thumb and forefinger, place streamer under last completed twist holding in place with forefinger. Yes, it's strong enough!



Gather here.

Forefinger.

Be sure to place streamer wrong side of ribbon down.

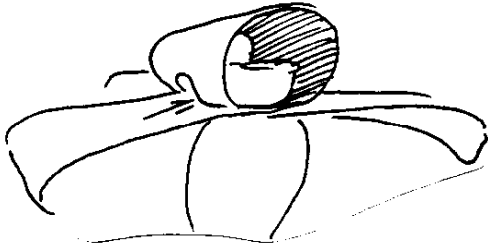
Now "push-in" to gather streamer under previous gathers.

Streamer can be positioned to be of equal or unequal lengths.

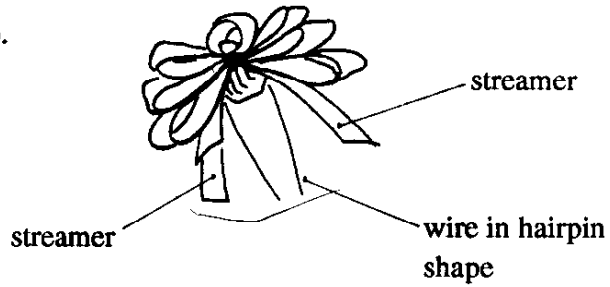
Step 5

Now you are ready to make your bow stay in place.

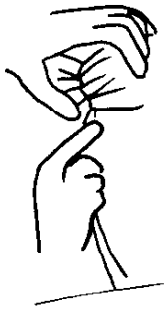
a. Insert bent wire through knot over thumb.



b.



c. Back view

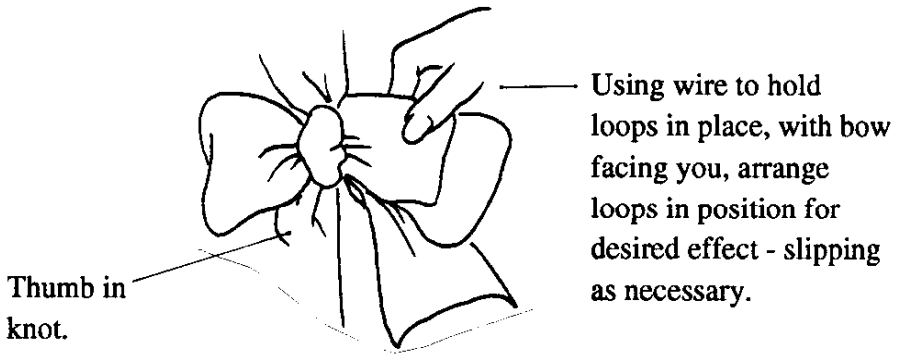


Then - turn Bow over, pull wire securely, and twist.

Note: It is important to twist wire **tightly** to securely hold your bow loops in place.

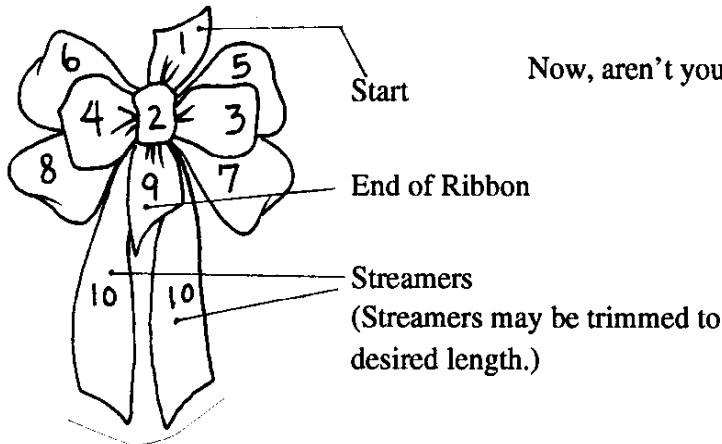
Step 6

Arrange loops in position



Note: If you are planning to insert bow holder in styrofoam, you will need to use 1-18 inch long #18 wire. The lighter #20 wire or chenille may be used for other purposes.

For that special "Cornelius Bow", pull and shape your loops as shown in the diagram.



Now, aren't you proud of yourself?



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