

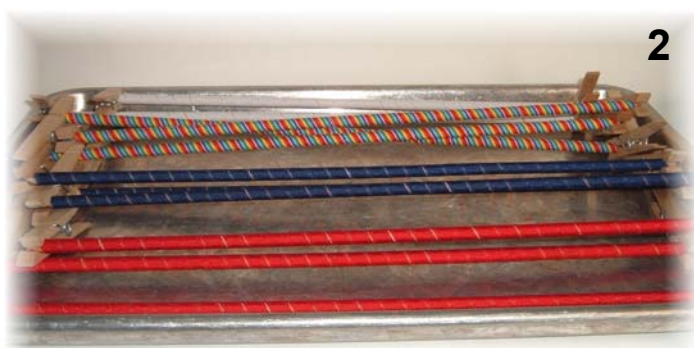


How to Make Korker Ribbon & Korker Bows



The best size dowel for making Korker ribbon is a 1/4" dowel. You can purchase dowels at your local hardware store. Usually they come long, so ask someone at your hardware store to cut them for you. Mine are 16" in length, but as long as they'll fit in your oven, you can have them as long as you want. You will also need clothespins for securing the ribbon to the dowels. For this example I am using 3/8" Grosgrain Ribbon. It's fun to experiment with different styles and sizes of ribbon.

Preheat your oven to 275 Degrees Fahrenheit.



1. Start by placing your 3/8" ribbon at the top of the dowel and securing it in place with a clothespin. Twist the dowel with your right hand while managing the ribbon with your left hand thumb. After a couple times, this will become very easy for you. When you get to the end, cut the ribbon and use another clothespin to secure the ribbon to the dowel.
2. Place your dowels on a cookie sheet. Or, you can line one of your oven racks with Aluminum Foil and place the dowels directly on the oven rack. I have found that using a cookie sheet is so much easier!

Place your dowels in the oven and bake at 275 Degrees for approximately 25 minutes. You can bake for longer if you wish.

PLEASE NOTE: All ovens vary so you may need to make adjustments.

METHOD # 1 for Making a Korker Hair Bow

For this demonstration, I will be making a 3 ½" Korker Hair Bow.



Rule of Thumb: If you want your Korker hair bow to measure 3", then make 2 ½" Korker cuts. If you want your hair bow to measure 3 ½", then make 3" Korker cuts, etc. Also, the rounder and more full the Korker Hair Bow, then the more cuts you will use.

1. If you have one, use a cutting mat and a rotary cutter. If not, then use regular scissors. For this demonstration you will need 30 cuts of ribbon OR MORE, with each cut measuring 3".
2. To bring your bow together, you can use wire, string, or elastic cord. I prefer to use the elastic cord as pictured.
3. Lay your elastic cord out on a flat surface. Stack your Korker ribbon in the center of the elastic in any way desired. Experiment with using different colors.



4. Using both hands, take the elastic over the top of the stack of korkers and tie a knot at the top of the elastic as shown.
5. Then, pull the knot down over the stack and pull.
6. Turn your hair bow over and if any ends are sticking out farther than the rest, then find the opposing end on the other side and pull it gently to make it more even. Take your elastic around the bow one more time and pull very tightly. Make a double knot. You can even use a dab of super glue on your knot for an even more secure hold. Fray check (or use a lighter) on each individual end for a boutique, quality look. Line your desired clip and glue to the back of the bow.

METHOD # 2 for Making a Korker Hair Bow



1. Place a 12" piece of elastic in the middle of the Korker Bow Form (see the bottom of this page), between the 4 brackets.
2. Stack your cuts of ribbon in the center of the Korker Bow Form, over top of the elastic.
3. Bring the elastic up over the stack of Korker ribbon and tie a knot at the top.
4. Tie the knot down on the korkers, pulling gently. Gently lift the bow out of the Korker Bow Form.



5. Pull tightly on the knot. Turn the bow over and make sure that there are no pieces of ribbon that stick farther out than others. If there are, then pull on the opposing end of ribbon to even it out. (Now turn the bow over to the back.)
6. Take both ends of elastic around the bow again, meeting at the back and pull tightly. Tie another knot. You may want to dab some super glue on the knot to secure. Line your desired clip and glue to the back of the bow.

HOW TO MAKE A KORKER BOW FORM:

It's really very easy. Simply go to your local Hardware Store and purchase a package of 4 "L-Brackets". Use screws to adhere them to a spare piece of wood. I'm not very good at that kind of thing, so I had my husband make mine for me. ☺ See Picture # 1 for how to place the brackets on the piece of wood. Make sure you leave a very small space in the middle for your elastic. The L Brackets leave about a 2 ¾" space in the middle to place the Korker Ribbon Cuts.

METHOD # 3 for Making a Korker Hair Bow

Have a needle and thread ready – preferably a stronger needle and perhaps an embroidery thread.



1. Cut your korker ribbon to the size and number you want. You may want to line the ribbon out in the order that you would like.
2. Start placing the korker ribbon onto the needle but do not thread it all the way down – you want it to still be on the needle. Hold your thumb at the bottom of the needle to prevent the ribbon from sliding down.
3. Continue placing the korker ribbon onto the needle, placing each korker in a different direction – don't worry, if you have a long enough needle there should be plenty of room.
4. When you get them all finished, this is what it looks like from the side.



5. This is what it looks like from the top. If you look REALLY close, you can see the top of the needle.
6. Now thread the needle all the way through until the knot stops at the back. (This is a picture of the back of the bow.)
7. Now take your needle back through the middle to make a stitch. Because of the thickness of the ribbon, this can be very difficult, so be careful not to poke yourself. Maybe even use a thimble. Repeat this a couple of times to make the bow more secure.



And that's it! You have a finished "Sewn Korker Bow". Seal the ends if you haven't done so already and attach a clip or barrette to the back.