

Recycled Craft Idea #1

Making Recycled Bows



This idea is from Craftster.org and is a great way to use old magazines or discontinued wallpaper samples (paint stores throw them out) to make beautiful and unique gift bows.

Supplies:

- Magazines, wallpaper, old gift paper, etc. Cut into strips (1 inch by 6 inch)
- Brass paper fastener/brad
- Hole punch



STEP ONE: You will need to cut about 9-12 strips for each bow. Cut one strip slightly shorter. This will be your center loop.

Each strip will need to have a hole at both ends .



STEP TWO: Create the center loop, which is a circle, pattern side out. Match holes together and insert the brass brad from inside the circle/loop with end pointing out.



STEP THREE: Now create a loop which looks like this. Place the loop on the brad with the curve facing TOWARD your center circle/loop.



STEP FOUR: Continue to place loops on the brad until you have enough where the bow will look nice and full.



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