Easy Boutique Bow

Supplies needed:

- 2 types 1 ½ inch Ribbon
- 7/8 inch Ribbon
- 2 types 3/8 inch Ribbon
- Needle and thread
- Lighter
- Hot glue gun
- Straight pin

Optional: Large hairdressers clip
For the back bow, I like to use this method because it’s easy and the bow sits pretty flat.

Measure out 10 inches. This will give us about a 4.5 inch wide bow.

Glue along the edge of the ribbon (after heat sealing your ends).

Then attach it to the other end of the ribbon to form a loop.

Take your completed loop and pinch it with an accordion fold. Remember this means you want to pinch it three times; one on the right, one in the center, one on the left.

TIP: If you can’t get three pinches out of your ribbon, it’s okay, two will work!
Now add a second loop and pinch it just the same. Then place the 2 together as shown and keep pinched tightly in the center with your fingers.

Wrap the exact center of the bow with craft wire or thread and tie tightly to hold in place.

For the next bow, I like to measure out about 4 inches and grab it with my thumb. (The end of the ribbon to my thumb is 4 inches.)
Next you’ll wrap it around your hand two times and cut your ribbon off the roll once you get back to the left side of your hand.

The ribbon will look like this.

Now place a straight pin in the exact center of your loops.

TIP: Place the straight pin down into a pillow so it stays in place while you work.

Now start pulling the loops apart.

The left side top loop goes down and the inside loop will go up.

The right side top loop goes up and the inside loop will go down.

Once you have the layers pulled apart and its starting to look like a bow, grab the center with a large hairdressers clip to help hold in place.

Make a few stitches from bottom to top along the center.
TIP: Be sure you start and end your stitch on the same side so it wraps nicely.

Here are the three stitches made and I’m gently pulling the thread through to show you how the ribbon will bunch up for you.

Now pull the thread tighter until the ribbon is bunched up in the center.

Wrap the extra thread around the bow center a few times and knot tightly for extra hold.

This bow is complete.

Now to make loops for the bow, take your back bow that we created first.

To measure out our loops, place your ¼ inch ribbon behind the bow and make one loop. That will be the size of all 4 loops and it will fit the bow perfectly!

This is your first loop! Glue down at 90 degree angle.
TIP: work with ribbon on roll!

After you’ve made the first loop (shown here on the left), loop the ribbon around again to form a loop on the right side.

Glue down where my finger is. The ribbon again will meet in the center at a 90 degree angle.

Now take your ribbon tail up and to the left to form the top left loop.

Glue down at the center at a 90 degree angle.

Here’s a good way to test and be sure your loops are exactly even: pull your loops with one finger each and be sure they are the same size before gluing down.
Now make your fourth loop on the top right and again glue the end down at the center at a 90 degree angle.

Now you can cut your excess ribbon from the roll.

Your loops will now fit perfectly around the ends of your bottom bow!

To make a second set of loops, simply follow another color ribbon around the loops you’ve already created.

Glue these loops right on to the center of the first set of loops.
You’ll notice that the ribbon naturally wants to go in the direction it is supposed to go when making loops.

Continue to follow the ribbon along the first set of loops.

Here is what you finished double loops will look like.

TIP: You can add 3 or even 4 loop sets like this!! Just be sure you start with the first loops a bit bigger than you typically would do so all the loops will fit behind the bow!

Now you can attach all the pieces of your bow with either hot glue or by sewing the layers together with a few stitches in the middle.

First add the loops behind your bottom bow.
Now add your center bow.

You can also make a small top bow the same way you made the bottom bow and add that now.

Now add your favorite embellishment centered on the top of the bow.

For this bow I chose a small iron-on patch that I just hot glued into place.