

## Gift Bows - Photographic Worksheet



The gift bow we are making will be approximately 6.5cm wide when finished. You can easily adjust these dimensions once you have the basics sorted.

I began with some double sided patterned paper – free from a magazine somewhere I think - & using my guillotine & cut an 8cm wide strip from the paper & then from this I cut 13 strips, at 1.5cm wide.



I have laid them out on a sheet of white paper for you to see. You need three groups of four plus one spare.

Pick up one strip & form the loop shown in the photograph to the right. Use a wet glue & stick the loop in place. You are aiming to get all of the loops fairly

uniform as this makes a neater bow.

Now go ahead & repeat this on the other 11 strips of paper – leave the spare one to one side for now.



Here I have glued all of my strips apart from the final one.



Now you need to glue them together in pairs, again you are aiming to keep them fairly uniform.

If some are larger than others, rearrange them to match up two of a kind if you can.

With the pairs as evenly matched as possible apply some glue into the centre of one of the coupled pairs & stick another in the opposite direction to form a X. Try & keep the corners equal if you can. Repeat this twice until you have three units plus the individual strip of paper.



In the same way as the previous step, we are going to layer up the units to form the complete bow. So apply glue to the inner centre of the first until & stick the second one in the opposite direction, making sure it has firmly stuck.

Stick the final unit firmly in the centre to create a rosette type effect. Now you can see how the gift bow shaping up.



The final touch is to coil the remaining paper strip into a ring – try & get it about the size you need to fit the centre of the gift bow.

Stick that in place, & you have a complete gift bow – well done!

