

Make a Ribbon Wreath with Sue Wilson

Materials You Will Need:

Pokey Tool/Scissors

Double Sided Sticky Cushion

Ribbon (3m)

Glue Stick

You can make this wreath using a single colour ribbon or a double sided ribbon, but here I've used both a dark and an olive green to create the wreath shown. A tip for making this wreath with two colours is to lightly touch the length of the ribbon using a glue stick and lay them on top of each other to create what is essentially one double sided piece of ribbon.



Begin by finding the centre of the ribbon and make a slip knot. To make a slip knot you need to cross the ribbon and reach through the loop, grab the ribbon and bring a loop back through. If you have done this correctly, you should be able to move the ribbon on one side. The other side has no movement.

If you orient your left hand so that you can put your index finger through the loop, your right hand will be holding the ribbon piece that does not move. If the dark green side of the ribbon is showing on this loop, make a small loop with the olive ribbon showing by pinching a section of the it between your fore finger and thumb and insert it through the loop that is on your left index finger.

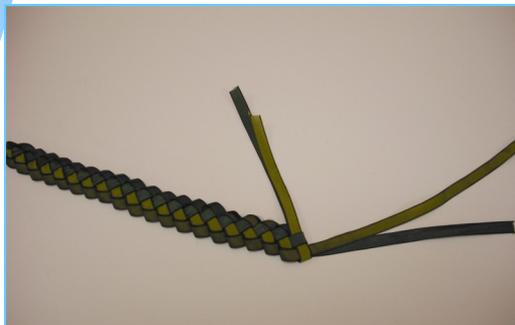


Using the opposite piece of ribbon, pull the tension back until you are touching the ribbon. Do not scrunch the ribbon. Place your right thumb over this stitch and hold it into place. Now using your left hand, make a small loop with the dark green ribbon showing and place it through the loop (which should be olive green) and pull the slack back with the opposite ribbon.

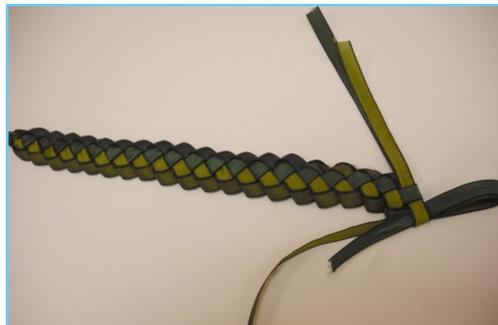
You will be repeating the two steps above, working back and forth from your right hand to your left hand and alternating colours. If the loop that is extended is dark green, then the olive green ribbon needs to be inserted into it and vice versa. As you work your chain along, the loops will point to either the left or the right also so you can easily see which side is next in case you get lost.

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Remember, to move your thumb over the last stitch each time so that you can hold the tension on the ribbon and keep each stitch in line. If you see space between the stitches, you haven't pulled the ribbon tight enough. If you make a mistake and need to go back, you can pull the ribbon on both sides at the same time to unravel it.



When you have worked your ribbon chain to reach eleven or twelve inches in length, rather than inserting a loop, put the end through the last loop and this will finish off your piece so it will not unravel.



To form the wreath, simply go to the beginning and using a pokey tool or scissor tips, find an opening between the ribbon pieces and inset the tail from the other side into it. Pull it until it forms a circle and then tie the two ends into a knot.



Trim the ends to a nice length and then add a small bow made from a red ribbon. Attach with sticky glue dots. To attach your finished wreath to your card, use double sided sticky cushion cut into small pieces and attached to the underside of the wreath.



The finished piece.