We Ribbon!

We're rolling out the ribbons for these terrific projects, and it's easy to see why! From lampshades to picture frames to what's on the wall, we've got you covered with a houseful of easy-peasy (but totally gorgeous) designs.

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Hats Off

This paper maché hatbox is tops now that it's dressed in rows of sunny ribbon! We used tacky craft glue to keep the cheery mix of colors and patterns in place. Then, we added hand-tied bows and an acrylic gemstone. **Tip:** *Try stacking up beribboned boxes for a cake-inspired display (see cover).*



«Shade Parade

You can pleat your way to this lighthearted accent lamp. Simply pin the folds into place on each length of ribbon, and machine stitch down the center. Then arrange in rows, securing to the lamp's existing shade with double-sided adhesive.

» Making Room

This look is all about the wall—and you can totally do it yourself. Prep an assortment of pre-measured strips of ribbon with double-sided tape. Then carefully press to the wall row by row. We recommend a tape with a light tackiness to help prevent damage to the wall.

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Your ribbon wall will speak for itself, so keep the accessories simple. We suggest decorative frames—kept empty for minimal fuss and maximum charm—painted a solid coordinating color to keep them from fighting the real focal point of the space.

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* Picture This

Weave a little whimsy onto a simple wooden frame. Drill a set of evenly spaced holes into the wood, and then loosely lace the ribbon through them. For the look shown here, use a wider ribbon, fluffing and shaping as you work. Finish off your frame job with a wink...and a knob! Just drill a hole in the wood to accommodate the hardware, and screw into place. Then, spiral twisted ribbon around the base as shown, hot gluing as you work.

Bowed Over

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You can fluff up an off-the-shelf accent (like this darling gem-embellished frame) in a flash with a simple hand-tied bow. For a surprise pop of color, place coordinating ribbons back-to-back, using double-sided adhesive to keep them together.

Round Here

Let your ribbons run rings around a simple foam wreath base. Paint the base first—use acrylic paint from a bottle, not a can. Then, make lots of little ribbon loops, cinching them in the middle with craft wire (they'll resemble a bow) and twisting to secure. Finally, push the ends of the wire into the foam.







* Tied and True

Add instant fun to a serious glass vase by tying on a happy mix of colors and patterns. You don't need fancy bows to pull off this look. Go for simple knots, but keep them tailored by clipping the ends of ribbon into a "V" shape.

« All A Board

Make over a basic framed corkboard with some expertly woven ribbon. Remove the cork from the frame, pin the ribbons into place and do a simple basket weave (for pizzazz, weave on an angle). Return your work to the frame when you're done.



All Tied Up

Try playing dress-up with a random whirl of colors, patterns and styles. The bodice of this piece is a rectangle of single crochet. The straps are braided (and stitched on), and the skirt is made up of individual ribbons simply knotted into place...it's the perfect party accessory for the guest of honor. Life of the Party Are you all about color, whimsy and adorable, easy to craft décor? It's time to blow out the candles and make a wish for fabulous, designer-style ribbon! We packed this bash with an over the top mix of colors, patterns, textures and sizes.

Cenera

A BRIDE

Ribbon Details Add streamer-inspired detail to a simple table runner by stitching a series of colorful ribbons to the edge. Sew the ribbons to the fabric with right sides together. Then, turn under the raw edges and top stitch. So fun!

» Banner Day

Tuck birthday wishes into gift card envelopes, and then outfit the envelopes with painted chipboard letters. Now clip them to jute twine with a collection of ribbon-embellished clothespins. Voila! It's a banner with a function—and it's cute too!





» Head Start

Give handmade party hats a heads up with a mishmash of bright colors and bold patterns. **Tip:** Want some extra pop up top? Carefully singe the edges of the ribbons with a candle or lighter to make them stiffen and curl.

« Short and Sweet

Need a quick fix for some sweet treats? Wrap (or tie) bits of ribbon around flat wooden sticks, available in the Craft Department. **Tip**: *You can keep the ends of the ribbon from fraying by applying a little liquid seam sealant*.





» Bead Bliss

Use a beading needle and beading thread (both available in the Jewelry Department) to stitch faux pearls onto gingham ribbon. Push the needle through the ribbon and then through a bead, repeating until you've reached the desired length.



«Fancy That

You're a firm believer in "glamour to go," so you'll love this easy does it hair ornament. Simply add heat-set gems and pretty beaded appliques (you can glue them or sew them) to the ribbon of your choice. You'll find the necessary sparklies in the Wearables Department.



Bloom Big

These giant sunflowers were made with 6" cake rounds. We wrapped them with sunny grosgrain ribbon. Then we added patterned ribbon (clipped to resemble petals) to the edges. A ribbon-wrapped button cover and a hand-painted dowel completed the petal-pushing design.



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