



*Some Ribbon,  
Some Spice and  
Everything Nice...*

*That's what the best projects are  
made of! Create colorful pillows,  
cheery little lamps, personalized  
wall hangings and cutesy clothing*

once upon a ribbon

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## « Ribbons of Light

Light up your little one's life with a lamp made with help from a self-adhesive lampshade kit. Cover with the fabric of your choice—the kit comes with a simple template. Then glue on row after row of ribbons. There's no sewing required! **Tip:** Cut ribbon pieces long enough to overlap the inside of the shade by one inch on both ends. Then, glue ribbons horizontally inside the shade to cover up the edges.

## » Flying Colors

You'll earn an A+ with your little one for this charming, functional and inexpensive wall décor! Simply fold pieces of ribbon over a length of twine. Then secure with glue, double-sided adhesive or thread—it's up to you. Now, that's what we call passing with flying colors!



» *That's Write* There's a "write" way and a wrong way when it comes to adorable wall décor. And baby, it all comes down to ribbon! For this look, apply acrylic paint to a set of sturdy chip-board letters. Then, use double-sided adhesive to apply the ribbon stripes. **Tip:** To hang your name, glue little ribbon loops to the back of each letter, and then string your word on twine.







*In Ribbons* From her head to her toes, she's a vision in cutie-pie sass! And it all starts with a ready-to-embellish tee! Cut an oversized heart from a handy iron-on transfer sheet, and jazz it up by stitching on rows of sweet, polka-dot ribbon. Use more ribbon to create a simple ruffle, and then iron the patch to the shirt according to the manufacturer's instructions.

## Ruffled Up

Jeans with holes? It's ribbon to the rescue! Simply cut off the legs and replace with a simple band of fabric. Then, stitch on rows and rows of simple ribbon ruffles—sew a gathering stitch along one side of the ribbon, and gently pull to make the fabric pucker as shown. Now you have a cute-as-can-be skirt!





## Hanging By a Ribbon

Messy clothes hiding in their closets? Not on your watch! Keep tabs on little duds with these easy peasy hanger organizers. Just cut a ribbon piece  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch longer than a wooden clothespin, and use hot glue to attach. Then coat wooden circles (available in the Crafts Department) with acrylic paint, and hot glue them over the ribbons as shown. Label each clip with a permanent marker, and they're good to grow!







## Up Rose a Ribbon

Wake up and smell the ribbon roses! We made white covers for a group of standard pillow forms. Then we dressed them up with bouquets of ribbon embellishments. The stripes came first—rickrack added interest. Then we added the simple rosettes. Want to try it? Check out these detailed instructions.

### Supplies

- Pre-covered Pillow Form
- Ribbon (Various Colors and Patterns)
- Needle and Thread
- Scissors
- Buttons
- Rickrack (Various Colors and Styles)
- Tacky Fabric Glue



**1.** For texture and interest, glue rickrack to right side of ribbon. It may be helpful to apply glue to only half of the rickrack to start—this will keep the mess to a minimum, and it will give you a little more control over placement.

**2.** Firmly press rickrack to the center of the ribbon.



**3.** To make a rosette, hand sew a long basting stitch to one edge of a length of ribbon—a wider, longer ribbon makes for a fuller flower. When you've completed your stitches, leave a bit of thread trailing at one end.



**4.** Grasp the ribbon with one hand and the trailing thread with the other. Gently pull the thread while pushing the fabric to gather and coil as shown.



**5.** Stitch to secure.



**6.** Stitch a coordinating button to the center of the rosette as shown, and then set the completed flower aside.



**7.** Glue the ribbon to the pillow as shown. Then adhere the ribbon rosette.



## *Make Someone's Day... With a Ribbon Bouquet!*

You'll need a floral foam ball, some makeshift stems (flexible metal rods from the Craft Department work well) and plenty of designer-style ribbons. See the previous panel to learn how to make the simple ribbon flowers that are the focal point of this adorable design. **Tip:** *Make the floral foam hot glue-friendly by covering it with fabric.*



## « Itty Bitty Pretty

Dress up some baby basics with our gorgeous designer-style ribbons. With so many colors, patterns and styles to choose from, we have her covered from the top of her little head to the tips of her itty-bitty toes.



### 1. Head On

Top off her dainty duds with some ribbon-embellished headgear. For example, add evenly spaced buttonholes to a simple bucket hat. Thread ribbon through the holes, and finish things off with a hand-tied bow—you can stitch or glue it into place!

### 2. Bottoms Up

Here's a quick fix for some basic white bloomers (sold in the *Wearables Department*). Gather ribbons into ruffles—sew a basting stitch along one side of the ribbon and gently pull. Then, machine-stitch them into place as shown.

### 3. By a Toe

Keep wiggly toes contained in a pair of sweet beribboned booties. Love the look you see here? We followed *Simplicity* pattern #6735.



*Hair Flair* Accessories? That's easy—especially when it comes to these pretty floral ribbons. Make a hair doodad with layered rosettes and a coordinating button, or top a crocheted hairband with a simple hand tied bow.



## » *At a Clip*

Here's a tip to turn any little ribbon into an adorable hair barrette. Simply attach it to an alligator clip with hot glue. We carry pre-covered clips right here in the Fabric Department.







## » Monkeying Around

Now his little buddy can follow him wherever he goes! This custom-made critter carrier is made from two sets of designer-style ribbons—they're sewn back to back for stability. There's no pattern for this piece, and there's no fabric required. The backpack-style design features a rectangular ribbon panel (on the back), stitched to a series of simple ribbon straps. **Warning:** This carrier is for transporting toys only. Do not attempt use to use it for real animals or babies.



## « Hang Tight

You determine the dimensions for this piece—measure the ribbon on your child to decide how much to cut. You'll need two straps to go over the shoulders and under the arms. You'll need one strap (divided and equipped with a hook and loop closure) to go across the chest, and you'll need another to go around the toy—it should be stitched to each side of the back panel and fastened with a button or a hook and loop closure.

## Dainty Diapers

If you're up to your nose in diapers, turn your diaper storage into something fun and whimsical. Cover an unfinished wooden crate (available in the Craft Department) with acrylic paint. Then hang it up with gorgeous, designer-style ribbon. **Tip:** For a diaper caddy that looks good from every angle, place ribbons back to back, using double-sided adhesive to hold them together.



**Sidekick** Oh, you just have to have a holster! Use ribbon to create a simple side pocket for lotion or powder, and then glue it into place. So easy!



## » Get the Hang of It

Loop long strands of ribbon around the openings on the sides of the crate and around the top back slat. Secure each strand of ribbon to a D-ring fastener as shown. Then arrange the D-rings pyramid style, using hot glue to secure the arrangement. Add a simple ribbon hanger, and it's ready for display!





## Right Light

Turn an off-the-shelf chandelier (available in the Home Décor Department) into a vision with floaty, fabulous ribbon. You'll begin by tying four equally spaced ribbons to the center ring of an 18" embroidery hoop—you can loosely knot them together at the center of the hoop to help you keep track of them.



### 1. It's a Tie

Cut a large supply of sheer ribbon. Make the strips extra long—you can trim them later. Using a simple lark's head knot (diagram provided below), tie the ribbons to the perimeter of the hoop. Space them closely together for maximum fullness. Now, remember the four ribbons that you knotted onto the hoop when you began the project? Use them to suspend the hoop from the chandelier's cord.



### Lark's Head Knot:



### 2. Tuck and Cover

Use more ribbon to disguise the cord, loosely twisting as you wrap—that's how we created the fullness and texture you see in the photo. Next, hang the chandelier and trim the trailing ribbons to the desired length. Now you've got a home accent that's guaranteed to light up your life!





## « Blue Ribbon Affair

To make spiffy suspenders, measure two lengths of ribbon to the appropriate length. Then fold long ways, using fabric glue to secure. Loop both ends of each folded ribbon around suspender fasteners, and stitch to secure.



## » Tied Up

Want to tie together your little man's look? Make him a simple, clip-on bow tie. Simply cut some ribbon, and bring the edges together to form a ring. Then stitch through the middle—you should now have a loop of ribbon on each side. Use a shorter length of ribbon to cinch in the center of the bow as shown, stitching it at the back to secure. Now, stitch or glue the entire piece to a ribbon-covered alligator clip.



Tip: Give a crisp, tailored look to the back of your ribbon suspenders by stitching an "X" where the ribbons intersect.