



RIBBON FLOURISH BY KEONIE BURNHAM

Firstly, grab a decorative pin such as this [crystal head pin](#) from [my2angels](#) website, and tie a small bow right at the top just beneath the crystal.

Leave a fairly long tail of [ribbon](#) on one side as this will be used to loop back and forth over the pin to make the flourish.

Make sure your bow is tied relatively tight and that the bow is of the size you desire as it will be hard to change once you are done.



Now gently slide the bow down the pin towards the bottom and then make a loop to one side with the ribbon tail.

When you are happy with the size of the loop, pierce it with the pin to hold that loop in place.

Now repeat this over and over until you have the amount of loops you wish on the pin.

As you go, gradually push the bow back up towards the crystal head of the pin.



You will find also that you can make your loops smaller and smaller to give the look I have here in the photo.

It is up to you though as you can make all the loops exactly the same length if you wish by keeping the bow down towards the bottom of the pin until you are finished.

You then slide the bow back up towards the crystal head and space your ribbon loops out along the pin.



Depending on what project you are using your ribbon flourish on, you may wish to cover the sharp end of the pin.

To this I have layered two crackle flowers against each other and then slid the sharp end of the pin in between the two.

I then used a wet adhesive like [Dimensional Magic](#) or Pritt Gel to secure it into place.

Place this under something flat and moderately heavy to hold all three elements in place whilst adhesive dries.



Now you can play with the ribbon length that you have left by twisting it into a swirl or even an L-shape to make a photo corner (see photos).

It is best to do this step directly onto your project so you can secure the ribbon into place using crackle flowers and adhesive, metal brads, buttons, staples etc.



To do the ribbon swirl, simply place the crystal head of the pin on your project in the desired position.

Then twist the free end of the ribbon into a flourish or swirl and secure the underside with a small piece of double sided tape.

You can then adhere a crackle flower, papers flower, button etc over the top.

Repeat this step then with however many more flowers you wish.

Once you are happy, go back and apply a small amount of clear drying adhesive underneath the crystal pin head to hold the whole element into place.



For the ribbon flourish corner you pretty much do the same as above except angle your ribbon length upwards at right angles to your pin to create an L shape.

Secure the ribbon into place with a small amount of double sided tape and then embellish with crackle flowers, [buttons](#), [charms](#) or basically whatever you wish.

Once again make sure you apply small dab of adhesive under head of pin to hold it into place.



Don't forget to that you can dangle [charms](#) also from your ribbon flourish – especially gorgeous right underneath the pin head.

You can do this after you have finished using a jump ring, or do it as you are making your ribbon loops right at the start and simply thread the ribbon through the charm loop before piercing it with the pin.

