



RIBBON FLOWERS

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Here is a really effective and quick technique for making gorgeous 'customised' flowers for your projects.

Better yet, you can mix and match colours and designs of ribbon and use up all those scrap bits of ribbon that may not be quite long enough for other uses.



MATERIALS REQUIRED

[Ribbon](#)

[Double Sided Tape](#)

Liquid Glue like [Dimensional Magic](#) or Pritt Gel

Embellishments to centre your flowers

[Glimmer Mist](#) (optional)



LET'S GET STARTED ...

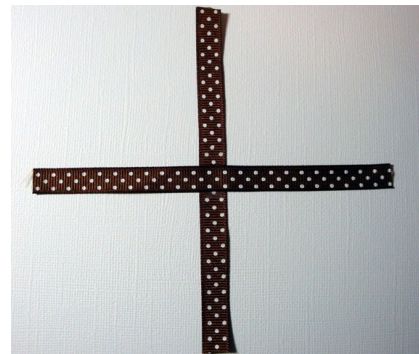
OK, firstly you will need to cut four lengths of ribbon to the same size.

For the purposes of this project I have used lengths of polka dot ribbon that measure approx 14cm each.

Once you have cut your ribbon to size lay one piece down on your work surface and apply a tiny piece of double-sided tape to the centre of the piece.



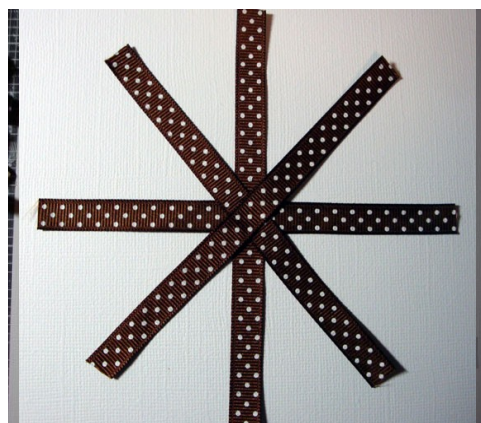
Then, lay a second piece of ribbon horizontally over the DS tape to make a cross (see photo). Apply another small piece of DS tape to the centre, and then lay the third length of ribbon over but this time align it diagonally across the cross.



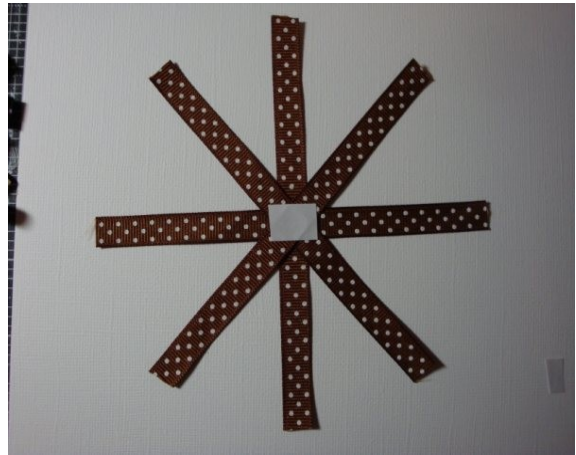
Repeat this again with the last piece of ribbon in the opposite diagonal direction (see photo).

Each time you layer the ribbons ensure that you have it centered which will ensure each 'petal' loop will be of equal length.

OK, now your ribbon flower should look like this....(see photo).



Now cut a larger square of DS tape and place it right in the centre of your ribbon cross.



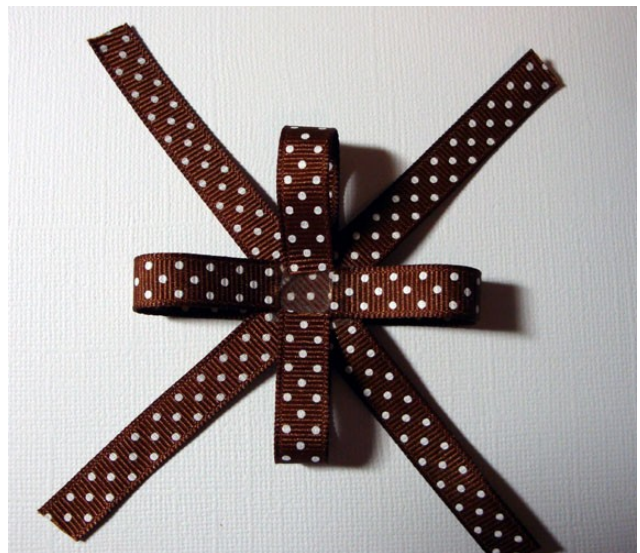
Now loop each ribbon end toward the centre making sure it reaches the DS tape square so as to hold it in place.

To stop the centre of the flower from getting too bulky, don't overlap the ends of each ribbon piece in the centre.

Leave a small gap in the centre of the flower which will give you room to add a [brad](#), [paper flower](#), [button](#), [charm](#) etc in the centre of your ribbon flower.

You may find that you will need to add a second square of DS tape in the centre once you have folded some of the ribbon ends in.

This will just help to secure the petals in place.



Your flower should now look like this (photo) and be completely secure.

At this point you can adjust the petals if you need to especially if you have one too small or too large.

Just lift the ribbon end out of the centre and move it out or in respectively



OK, you are almost done.

All that is needed now is to add your embellishment in the centre.

You can see here in the black ribbon flower that I have adhered a clear button to the centre with pritt gel or dimensional magic, and then mounted a clear rhinestone to the centre of the button.



With the brown polka dot flower, I have adhered a white paper flower to the centre and then mounted a wood button over the top.

Too add a little bling, I then misted the whole flower in Iridescent Gold Glimmer Mist.



If you are using a brad in the centre, you can lay your ribbon flowers directly onto your card or layout and secure the whole thing at once using the brad.

Alternatively, embellish the flower with a metal brad, button or charm and then adhere to your project with DS tape or liquid adhesive

Some other food for thought....don't be afraid to mix and match your ribbons.

Different colours, designs, and even types of ribbon like organza and ric rac look really cool when combined together.

Also, you can adjust the size of your flowers by making your ribbon lengths shorter (smaller flowers) or longer (larger flowers), and, if you want a fuller flower simply add more pieces of ribbon

Use six lengths of ribbon instead of four, the options are endless.

Have Fun!

