Crafts

DIY Gift Bows

Cut seven strips of wrapping paper to make a homemade gift bow.

You will need:

- Wrapping paper (or other paper such as scrapbook paper, old maps, newspaper, magazine pages, etc.)

- Stapler

- Double-sided tape

- Scissors

- Ruler

- (Optional) Pinking shears

Print a picture of some completed bows to show crafters. Post a copy on your bulletin board to create interest in the activity.

Directions:

1. Cut seven 3/4"-wide strips of paper—three measuring 10" long, three 9" long, and one 4 1/2" long.

2. Fold the 9" and 10" strips in half and crease to make a center guideline. Then, follow the three steps as shown in the right-hand photo above. Overlap the ends of the strips about 1/4" at the center crease and staple as shown.

3. Stack the three 10" strips and staple them together in the center. Repeat for the three 9" strips as shown in the first photo below.

4. Stack the group of 9" strips on top of the 10" strips so that the points are alternating. Staple them together in the center or attach with double-sided tape.

5. Roll the 4 1/2" strip and secure the ends together with a small piece of double-sided tape.

6. Then use another small piece of double-sided tape to stick the small rolled strip of paper in the center of the stacked strips.

7. Attach your bow to a gift using a piece of rolled Scotch tape or a piece of double-sided tape.

Variation:

For a different look, cut the strips of paper with pinking shears or decorative-edge scissors as shown in the last photo above.

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