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Radical Ribbons

Ribbons – INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS

Create bright textured cards just perfect for summer with the help of a little ribbon

As many crafters know, you can never have too many ribbons. One of the nicest effects with them can be achieved by using a selection of four or five ribbons together at the same time – and this uses up a lot of ribbon stash! You can also use ribbons to create a 3D effect by converting them into ribboned frames or tying them into bows. Any tags that you make can look just that little bit better with a selection of ribbons threaded through. You can also curl your ribbons to make them look as if they're blowing in the wind, or keep them 2D by using them to create a lovely soft transition between two different colours or types of paper, and use foam pads to bring out the depth in your cards.

The BoBunny Yummy papers and matching ribbons used here are for sale on the internet, and are perfect for bright cards like these. Alternatively, I always scour market stalls for any ribbons that I like, even if I haven't got any projects on the go – they will always come in handy one day. It is also a good idea to keep ribbons arranged by colour, so you can simply take out ribbons in the colour of your project and match them all up.

3 EASY STEPS TO... *tying a ribbon bow*



1 To make a ribbon bow, measure the ribbon to your chosen length, and cut. Lay the ribbon in front of you. Bring the left end across the centre as shown to create a loop.



2 Place your left index finger under the loop, and wrap the remaining ribbon under your finger and over the loop.



3 Thread the ribbon through the loop and remove your finger. Pull both ribbon loops to tighten the bow. Trim the loose ends of the ribbon to your desired length.