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Selecting Hair Bows

By Jessica Furtney

The possibilities are endless when it comes to hair bows. Some mothers like their daughter's hair

bows to be as small as can be no matter how old they get, and some mother's like their daughter's hair bows just as big as we can make them no matter how little their daughter is. You can have hair bows with just a simple look to them with only four loops with one solid color, or you can have bows that are holding so many different styles and patterns that they can have about fifteen different ribbons in them. Some people like them to be as flat and close to their daughter's heads as possible, and some want the hair bows to stand up just as poofy as the ribbon will allow.

There are so many different kinds of ribbons being used in making hair bows. Here are just a few: grosgrain, organza, single faced satin, double faced satin, acetate, jacquards, velvet, sequin, ruffle, lace, marabou, frayed denim, sheers, metallic, polka dots, stripes, patterned, textured, stitched, printed, reversible, woven, checkered, plaids, glitter, gathered, frayed, and the list could go on I am sure. We haven't even talked about all of the extra things you can add to hair bows like appliqué's, hand-painted ceramics, jewels, crystals, monograms initials, names, rickrack, buttons, and so many other things that people get creative with.

There are so many hair bows web sites and eBay auctions now, that it is hard to find that one hair bow you are looking for, and for the right price. Don't be afraid to try out a few different places, and try ordering just one hair bow from a few different places before you settle down on your favorite hair bow maker. Also, don't be afraid to ask the maker questions about their hair bows. Read all about how they make them and see if they put a lot of time and effort into making them in a boutique style and boutique quality. I would also encourage you to try different sizes as well. Just because your girl is little, doesn't mean she won't look just like a little princess in with larger hair bows. If she looks cute in pig tails or two pony tails, try getting two small hair bows or two medium sized hair bows. Read what the widths are on each site because what one company may call small another would call medium.

There are a large variety of hair bow sites now offering to share with you their secrets to making beautiful bows like they do. Look for instruction books, CDs and even DVDs. Once you start to make your daughter's, grand-daughter's, or niece's bows, you just might love it as much as we do.

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Ribbons are back in style again, and everyone can't get enough of them! There are many sites now making it a lot easier to get fancy ribbon for a more reasonable price and better selection than any craft store could offer.

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Hair Bows Lingo

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Makers of hair bows have to quickly learn that there are different widths of ribbons. The width is the length across the ribbon. The more common widths used are 1.5", 7/8", 5/8", and 3/8". Some the lesser used ones are the really wide ribbons in 2.25", which make a really large and thick hair bow. Sometime ribbon factories make ribbon in 1" widths. This width is very close to the 7/8" and is sometimes hard to tell the difference. Ribbon manufacturing companies can come out with their own unique widths, but generally, these are your only options.

The 1.5" width is a good ribbon width to start with because there is more to hold and work with. The 7/8" or 5/8" widths are good for making center knots for the bows. The 3/8" is a nice width for very little bows or they make a nice center for a larger hair bow. I would not suggest knotting a 3/8" width ribbon unless it was for a very tiny hair bow, or you are placing it on top of a 7/8" or 5/8" width ribbon and then knotting it for a fun look.

Some ribbon makers like to use wood burning tools for what they call "heat sealing" their ends. Most grosgrains will melt at very high temperatures, and that is simply all bow makers mean when they say their ends are heat sealed. There are now other tools being made just for sealing off ribbon ends to keep them from fraying, and several ribbon web sites are now offering them to their online customers for making hair bows.

Another popular way to keep your ribbon ends from fraying is by applying Fray Check™ or any other brand to the ends of your ribbon. It is a liquid that, when dry, will harden and not allow the ends to fray. These products can be found in any craft store. Be careful when trying out different brands because some will leave a mark on the ribbon and not dry clear. You do not want to apply so much though that it drips off the hair bows or leaves a runny mark down the ribbon.

Then there are the hair clip or hair fastener options for hair bows. The alligator clip looks like an alligator's mouth when it opens and closes. It generally has no teeth on this style of clip. They do however come in double pronged and single pronged. Single pronged is nice when you are going for

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the least heavy and bulky, and double pronged is nice when you need that extra prong to hold it in the hair.

A French clip is the kind that you squeeze two prongs to release it from the closed position, and will spring open like a mouse trap because of the tension it is under by the semi-loose bracket on the inside. That bracket is in the shape of a crescent.

Probably less common, are the plastic clip or barrette and a snap, which some makers of hair bows use, and they are pretty simple in nature and are plastic or metal so to give you the lightest possible weight on finished hair bows.

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