

Paper Gift Bow

Materials:

- 1 – 12x12 sheet of double sided cardstock (Holiday Style “Snowflake Pink/Pretty Poinsettias” is shown)
- Glue Gun
- Permanent Adhesive Tape/ Adhesive Tabs
- Paper Cutter

Instructions:

1. Cut your paper into the following sized strips:
 - 1 – 2 ½” x 5/8”
 - 4 – 3” x 5/8”
 - 8 – 4” x 5/8”
 - ❖ I found it easiest to do this by cutting 4 – 5/8” strips the length of the 12x12 paper. Then cut each 12” x 5/8” strip down to its proper length.



2. Choose what pattern you'd like to show for which layer. The 2 ½” strip will be the center loop, the 3” strips the first layer of the bow, and then the 4” strips will make up the last two layers.

3. Setting your 2 ½" strip aside; begin to form your ribbons from your remaining strips. Holding the strip with the desired pattern facing downwards/ away from you, and bring the two edges together, overlapping, so that your strip now resembles – for lack of a better example – a breast cancer ribbon. Use either hot glue, or a permanent adhesive tape/tab to secure this in place. (I personally found that the adhesive tabs worked best for this!)



4. Taking two “ribbons” of the same size and pattern, place adhesive on the top side of one near the bottom, and place the other one on top so that they overlap and form a double ribbon.
** Make sure that they are securely held together! You don’t want them coming apart later on.



5. Taking your two ribbons of the same size and pattern, place adhesive on the bottom center of one, and place on top of the other double ribbon going crosswise, forming a sort of four point "star". Do this for all three sizes.



****Now it's time to use the glue gun! If you already have it warmed up, great! If not, go ahead and get that baby warmed up now.**

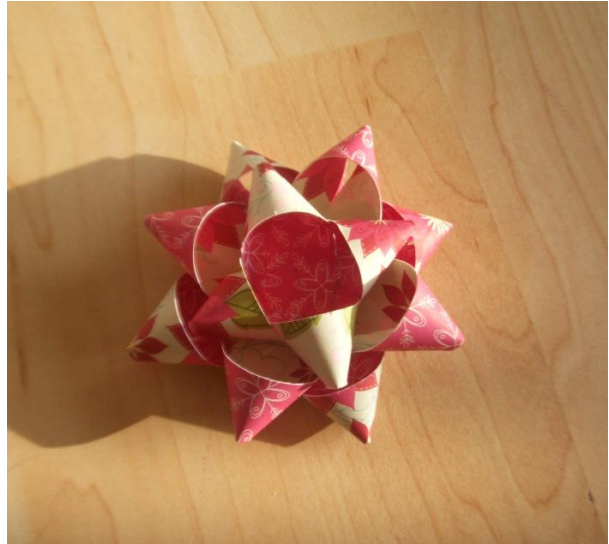
6. Taking your largest “star” with the pattern that you have chosen for the bottom of your bow, place a dab of hot glue directly onto the center of it.



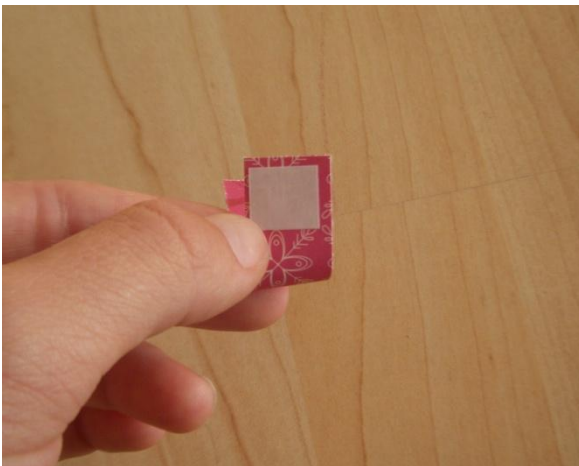
7. Take your next biggest “star” and lay it directly in the center of the first, positioning it so that its points go through the openings of the bottom “star.” Hold the two layers firmly between your fingers for a few seconds so that the glue has enough time to set properly.



8. Repeat the last step with the remaining “star,” layering it on top of the other two.



9. Ok, now for the final step! Take your 2 ½” strip that you set aside in the beginning, and place a bit of adhesive near one of the ends, right side facing up. Wrap the other end around, overlapping the two ends, forming a circle. Hold the ends together for a few seconds to make sure that the adhesive has enough time to set.



10. Place a dab of hot glue into the center of your paper bow, and place the paper circle on top, being sure to hold down for a few seconds so that it can properly adhere.



That's it! You're done!

Now go make a few more, using that fabulous Holiday Style paper, and decorate your packages like packages have never been decorated before! I promise you, people will notice and fall completely in love!