

Celebrating Spring



Ruban Rosie

Pure and simple, our DIY ribbon roses add an artistic touch to Spring, Easter or Mother's Day bouquets. All you need is wire edged ribbon, plant sticks, hot glue and a little time to make a Rosie spray of your own.

What's Needed:

1 1/2" Wired Edged Ribbon (Color Chic Plaid)- Morex Ribbon
12" Plant Sticks- Ashland/ Michael's
Green Leaves
Hot Glue Sticks- Gorilla
Hot Glue Gun
8" Non- Stick Scissors- Fiskars
Needle Nose Pliers
Ruler or Yard Stick
Container, Floral Foam and Spring egg picks (to make a centerpiece)

How To Make It:



When selecting ribbon for a Ruban Rose, all patterns, colours and (*most*) materials can be used. The only "must have" is wire edges.

- 1 1/2" width ribbon works well. For this width cut ribbon 14" long per rose.
- 2 1/2" width ribbon can also be used. Roses will be larger and require a bit more finessing. For this width cut ribbon 18" long per rose.

Note: Avoid using 100% plastic ribbon as it will melt when hot glue is applied and ribbon wider than 2 1/2".



1-The plaid ribbon we selected had different coloured edges (yellow/pink, green/blue) due to the plaid's weave.
2- Ribbon like this will yield two different colour roses. Rose colour will depend on what edge colour is used for the top of the rose.



3- Cut a 14" piece of ribbon for each rose being made.
4- Using a pair of needle nose pliers, pull the wire completely out from one end of the ribbon. This edge will become the top of the rose.



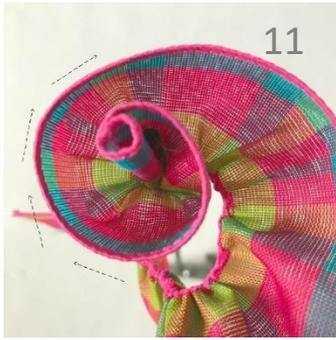
5- Bend ribbon in half. Using the needle nose pliers, pull both ends of the wire out, gathering the ribbon towards the center.
6- Lay one end of the ribbon out straight (about 1") on a flat surface.



7-Begin making the center of the rose by rolling the end of the ribbon into itself. Roll one complete turn. Straighten wire under the roll.
8- Place a small line of hot glue on the rolled ribbon (white line), roll ribbon over to secure.



9- Place a line of hot glue on one side of the plant stick (non-pointed end). Tuck plant stick on the edge of the rolled ribbon.
10- Roll ribbon around plant stick. Secure with a drop of hot glue at the bottom.



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11- Loosely gather and wrap the ribbon around the center clockwise.

12. Secure the wrapped ribbon in place with hot glue at the bottom edge of the ribbon.

Note: On our ribbon we put the glue on the woven pink edge.



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13- Continue loosely gathering and wrapping the ribbon around.

14- Place hot glue sporadically on the edge of the ribbon. This will keep the rose open.

Note: Pulling the ribbon too tight will constrict the ribbon and create a closed rose.



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15. To finish the rose place a thin line of hot glue on the edge of the ribbon's end. Attach the end to the ribbon above.

Note: Do not pull the end taut rather place end slight before where it ends naturally.

16- Twist wire ends together. Cut ends off. Fold twisted wire up into the center.



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17- Form the rose silhouette by:

- lightly curling the center into a cylinder
- arrange the wrapped petals in place by separating the layers of ribbon
- put a dollop of hot glue at the bottom of the flower to hold profile in place. *See figure 16 (gathered ribbon area for glue placement)*



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A

B



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A

B

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Closed roses (**fig. A**) are made by gathering and rolling the ribbon tightly. Glue edges by stacking on top of each other. Open roses (**fig. B**) are made by loosely gathering the ribbon, then gluing the edges slightly above each other.



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20- Select leaves. Rose leaves are preferred however, you can use whatever leaves are in your studio.
21. Turn the leaf over. Cut a half inch of the plastic stem off. Separate cut stem from leaf.



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22- Hot glue the leaf to the plant stick by placing a drop of glue in the center of the leaf, then wrap it around the stick. If needed, add a bit more glue.
23. Roses are now ready to be arranged. If making a garland or wreath, shorter sticks should be used (2" to 3").

How To Arrange It:



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A-If arranging flowers, select a container or basket.
B- Cut a piece of floral foam to fit snug in the container. A serrated knife works best.
C, D- To conceal the green foam, wrap the foam in a piece of white tissue paper. Wrap double sided tape around the wrapped foam. Place wrapped foam in container.



Each arrangement will be different due to container. Cut stick to desired size then place in foam. Fill in with open areas with leaves and egg picks.

Note: If your arrangement will be seen for all sides make enough roses so all angles have flowers. We used 20 roses in our arrangement (mixture of open and closed).