

Instructions for Qualatex MasterBow® Value-added Bows

Create elegant, multilayered bows using coordinating Qualatex MasterBow ribbon, then use them as:

- Gift toppers
- Centerpiece bases
- Christmas tree decorations
- Wreath and garland accents
- And more

To keep assembly time to a minimum, gather the materials and read through the instructions before beginning.



Double-layer Bows

Materials:

Blue Bow:

#40 "Snowflakes Colonial Blue & Silver" Qualatex MasterBow Angel Sheer™ Wired Edge Ribbon 80176
#9 "Snowflakes White & Silver" Qualatex MasterBow Angel Sheer Wired Edge Ribbon 54014
Qualatex® BalloonRibbon™
Qualatex MasterBow Maker

Green Bow:

#40 "Holly Green & Gold" Qualatex MasterBow Angel Sheer Wired Edge Ribbon 80171
#9 "Holly & Gold" Qualatex MasterBow Satin Wired Edge Ribbon 37381
Qualatex BalloonRibbon
Qualatex MasterBow Maker

Instructions:

1. Using the #40 ribbon, make an 8" (20cm) bow with six loops (three turns) and no tails on the Qualatex MasterBow maker. Fluff the bow so all loops are semi-flat.
2. Using the #9 ribbon, make a 6" (15cm) bow with eight loops (four turns) and no tails. Fluff and arrange with one loop in the center.
3. Tie the 6" bow into the top of the 8" bow, then arrange loops as desired.

Triple-layer Bows

To make a triple-layer bow, follow the double-layer bow instructions to stack a 10" (25cm) bottom bow (eight loops), 8" middle bow (six loops), and a 6" top bow (six loops).



Pom-pom Bows

Materials:

#40 "Poinsettia Burgundy & Gold" Qualatex MasterBow Angel Sheer Wired Edge Ribbon 80172
Qualatex BalloonRibbon
Qualatex MasterBow Maker
Sharp Scissors

Instructions:

1. Make a 6" bow with eight loops (four turns) on the Qualatex MasterBow maker.
2. Remove "flat" bow from bow machine. DO NOT fluff. Flatten one set of loops, then cut through the end of the loops using very sharp scissors. Repeat for second set of loops (figure 1).
3. Fold one side of the bow in half vertically, then cut the end at an angle starting at the fold and cutting toward the top of the ribbon (figure 2). Repeat for second side of the bow. These cuts will create a "v" shape on both ends of the bow (figure 3).
4. To fluff, arrange individual pieces of ribbon, alternating to the left and right.
NOTE: To get a full "ball" effect, twist the ribbon to the front and back, alternating until the loops are twisted into place.

figure 1



figure 2



figure 3



TIPS

- Create pom-pom bows with your choice of #9 or #40 ribbon.
- Add berry picks to the center of the pom-pom by tying the picks into the center of the bow before fluffing. Carefully bend the pick's stem into a "u" shape around the bow's notch, then tie the BalloonRibbon around the stem.
- To make elegant ribbon "snowflakes," make pom-pom bows using White Qualatex MasterBow Milori™ ribbon, then fluff into a ball shape (see Step 4 above). Hang on Christmas trees or from the ceiling using monofilament line.



Double Figure-8 Bow

Materials:

#40 "Snowflakes Colonial Blue & Silver" Qualatex MasterBow Angel Sheer Wired Edge Ribbon 80176 Qualatex BalloonRibbon or Thin Binding Wire

Instructions:

1. Starting at the end of a length of ribbon, make a 2" (5cm) center loop by turning the ribbon over on itself, then pinch the bottom of the loop between your index finger and thumb (figure 1).

NOTE: Make sure the printed side of the remaining ribbon is facing upward. If it isn't, twist the remaining ribbon below the loop and pinch the layers together.

figure 1



2. Make a longer loop to one side of the center loop, bringing the ribbon back under the center loop and twisting to face the printed pattern upward (figure 2).

figure 2



3. Make a second, longer loop on the opposite side of the center loop as in Step 2 (figure 3).

figure 3



4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 to make two more loops, one on either side of the center loop (figure 4).

figure 4



5. Make one more larger loop below the other loops to make the tails (figure 5). **NOTE:** If making the bow straight from a roll, cut ribbon from roll.

figure 5



6. Cut the larger loop in the center to separate the tails (figure 6).

figure 6



7. Wrap BalloonRibbon or thin binding wire through the center loop and around all the ribbon twists, then tie or twist to secure. Notch tails and arrange bow loops as desired.

figure 7

