

How To Seal Ribbon Ends



Have you ever wondered how to get those beautiful, perfectly finished ends to your hair bow ribbons?

Then read on.... we will show

you hear three different way to
seal your ribbon ends for a
flawless finish!

For this project you will need the following
items, please gather them now.

- * Ribbon of various widths and textures
 - * A Lighter
 - * Liquid Fray Check
 - * Wood Burning Tool
 - * A Ruler

Let's begin!



Above we have our three sealing tools. Liquid Fray check can be purchased at any Walmart or craft store. A wood burning tool can be purchased at a craft store and any lighter of your choice will do.

First I will show you how to:

HEAT SEAL

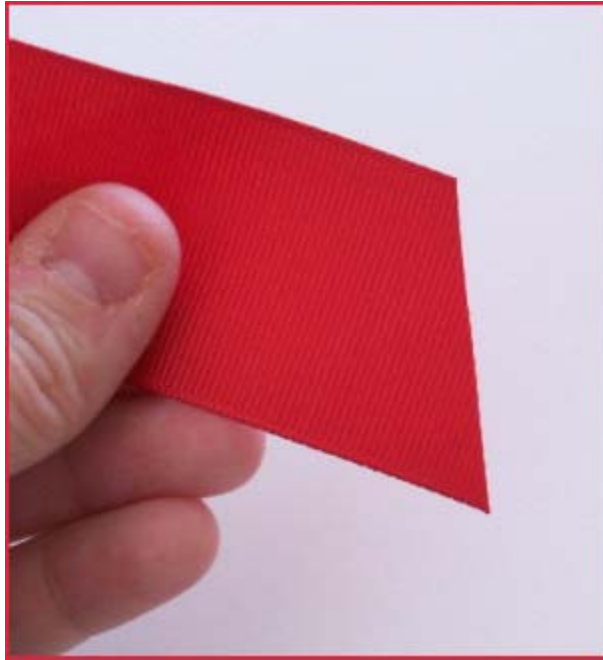


When using a heat sealing tool you MUST use a cutting board or another surface that can withstand the heat. Be WARNED, the wood burning tool get EXTREMELY hot (over 400 degrees) be very, very careful while using this tool and keep children away.

Take your ribbon and lay on a flat surface. While you are new you may like to use a ruler to guide you while making your cut. Take your pre-heated tool and cut the ribbon along the ruler. This WILL take some practice at first and you definitely may not get it right the first time! Different ribbons are different to work with as well.

For the above demonstration I am cutting 1 1/2" grosgrain ribbon. You will go a bit slower and press harder with the grosgrain ribbon than you would, say, with organza sheer ribbon.

Once completed your end will be completely heat sealed! This is a quick and cheap method to heat seal!



Next I will show you how to use a lighter to heat seal!



Gather your lighter and ribbon



To heat seal your ribbon with a lighter quickly run the flame along the ribbon edge.

This again, will take some practice and different ribbons do lighter seal differently. With the above grosgrain swiss dots ribbon I quickly ran my flame along the grosgrain. With grosgrain you CAN go a bit slower and closer to the ribbon than you would with a thinner ribbon such as organza sheer. With organza you will very quickly run the flame by the ribbon and not so close.

Next I will show you how to seal with Fray Check



Sealing with Liquid Fray check is a very quick and easy way to seal your ribbon ends! For our example I am fray checking a korker

ribbon. All you have to do is run a thin layer of liquid across the end, blot a bit, let dry and you are DONE!

Liquid Fray Check does not work best for all ribbons. I tend to use fray check mostly for korker hair bows. You will also find that some darker color ribbons stain using fray check and leave a wet look. Avoid using too much liquid on dark color ribbons. Remember, it only take a very little bit of the liquid, so don't go overboard!

I hope you have enjoyed our FREE lesson on how to seal your ribbon ends. For additional free and cheap hair bow instructions visit:

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