



Way Public Library

Gift Decorating with Book Pages

These gift accents are simple, fun, and fast—and they'll make your presents shine under the tree. Try these five styles, then keep experimenting!

Supplies Needed:

- Book pages
- Old Christmas cards
- Twine & ribbon
- Scrap cardboard
- Glue
- Pencil
- Scissors, of all kinds!
- Ruler
- Hole punch
- Stamps & stickers
- Whatever you find!

Traditional Tags:

1. Cut desired shape out of cardboard.
2. Glue book page onto cutout, and cut around it, or cut a smaller shape if you want!
3. Decorate, punch a hole, and tie a loop with twine or ribbon! *So easy!*



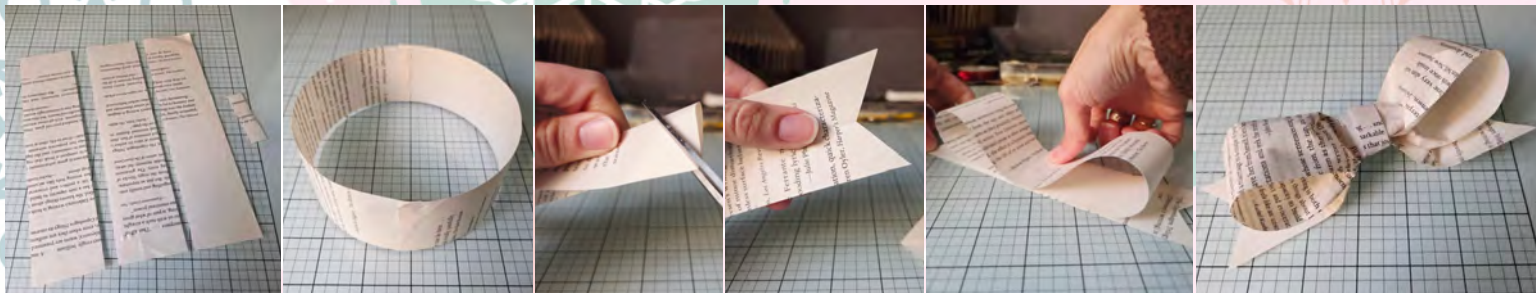
Traditional Bow:

1. Cut book pages length-wise to make (6) $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide strips.
2. Leave 3 strips full length. Cut 1" off of 2 strips. Cut the last strip to 3.5" long.
3. Make a ring with each strip by gluing or taping the ends together with a slight overlap.
4. Create a figure-eight shape with all the rings except the smallest by pinching each ring in the middle, then gluing or taping it in place.
5. Working from largest to smallest, stack the figure-eight shapes into a star pattern and glue into place. Top your bow off with the smallest ring. *Cute as can be!*



Large Bow:

1. Cut book page length-wise into three 1.5" wide strips, and one 2" long x 1" wide strip.
2. Tape two large strips together at their short ends with a generous overlap to form one long strip. Then overlap the remaining ends and tape to create a ring.
3. Using your last large strip, cut a triangular symmetrical notch into each end.
4. Create a figure-eight shape with the large ring and tape into place. Now tape it onto the notched strip in the center.
5. Gently scrunch the center of the bow together and use the remaining small strip to wrap the center and complete the bow. *Adorable!*



Curly Bow:

1. Take book page and fold it length-wise, then fold it in half, short end to short end.
2. Holding the paper by the folded short end, cut the two long fold lines to create four layers. Leave the short end folded, to hold it all together.
3. Cut fringe evenly into each of the four layers, leaving the folded edge uncut.
4. Gently use scissors or a pencil to curl each fringe, layer by layer. *This is tricky!*
5. Once fringe is curled, fold the bottom together and tape into place. *Viola!*



Banner:

1. Cut out a 2"x3" paper rectangle for each letter of your word. Names, greetings, etc.
2. Fold each rectangle in half lengthwise and cut a symmetrical triangle at the bottom.
3. Attach to string by folding over the top of the rectangle and taping the back.
4. Flip the banner over and stamp, add letters with stickers, or markers. *So fast and cute!*



Personalization: The possibilities are endless! These upcycled gift decorations work year-round. Enjoy creating, and have a wonderful holiday season!

Happy
crafting!

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