

**Materials You Will
Need:**

Design Ruler

Wonder Tape

Non- Stick Craft
Sheet

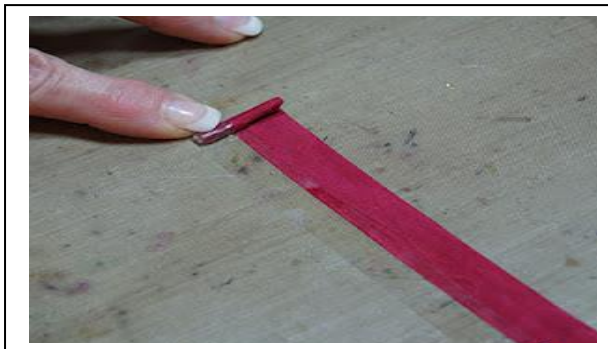
Scissors

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Ribbon Flower
Workshop*



Begin with a length of ribbon that is about 18" long and no wider than 1/2". You may use wider ribbons for this, but cut them down the centre and attach the tape to the cut edge. I am using basque red vintage ribbon for the tutorial. Lay it out on your craft sheet and attach 1/2" wide redline tape to the lower edge. The tape needs to be just catching the bottom edge of your ribbon firmly (probably 1/16" of the ribbon)

Peel off the red liner exposing the sticky tape. Fold the first bit of the ribbon down so that the cut edge is attached to the sticky tape. This will help prevent any fraying from coming out of the centre of your finished rose.



Begin by rolling the tape tightly by pushing it with your finger. You will only do this until the folded piece becomes enclosed in the centre and the top of the ribbon becomes even. If you want a very tight rose, you can roll a bit more here before going on to the next step.

Once you have the centre of the rose, peel up the entire piece of ribbon and tape off your craft mat. You will start to give your flower more fullness now. This is accomplished by rolling the ribbon but gathering the tape slightly as you go. This will cause the ribbon to become wider at the top slightly.



Continue to roll and pleat the tape portion. This is a very slight pinching as you roll, but you will see the ribbon take shape. Try to keep the top of the ribbon at the same height as you go. You will probably have to bring the tape up slightly around the base as you go.

HOW TO...

Make a Treasure Box



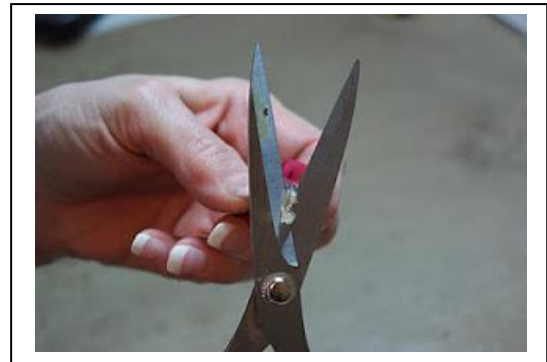
Continue pinching the tape in at the bottom as you roll. I am right handed so I use my thumb nail on my right hand to tuck a bit of the tape inward and then hold it from behind with my left hand as I pull my thumbnail away from the sticky tape.



Here is a view from the top of your flower as it progresses. You will be able to see the small pleats as you look down into the flower. I like a bit of unevenness to the pleats as it gives the flower a shabby chic sort of look.



As you reach the end of your ribbon, fold the end down onto the tape as you did in the beginning. This will give your flower a nice finish without an unfinished edge showing or fraying. Wrap this piece to the bottom of the flower and firmly press the end into the tape at the bottom.



Sometimes, there is an excess of tape on the underside of your flower. This can be easily cut away with a sharp pair of scissors. This will also give your flower a flat spot to sit nicely on your card or project. I always attach my flowers using large glue dots. The bottom of the flower will already be somewhat sticky from the redline tape, but you will find it isn't enough to attach the flower firmly since you have been handling the tape as you roll your flower. Cosmic Shimmer dries clear glue also works well to attach these flowers to your projects.



A close up of your finished flower! You can make them more or less full depending on how much pleating and gathering you do with the tape. Also, if you get the the end of your tape and decide you want a larger flower, just cut another piece and continue adding it on in the same manner until you get the desired size for your flower. You can use virtually any type or size of ribbon to make these too. They look lovely in organza, cotton hemp, American seam binding, lace or metallic crocheted ribbon. You will be able to see all kinds of ribbons used on my cards made into this type of flower using the same method as in my tutorial. I hope you have enjoyed it! – Sue