

INSTRUCTIONS: Bow Tie

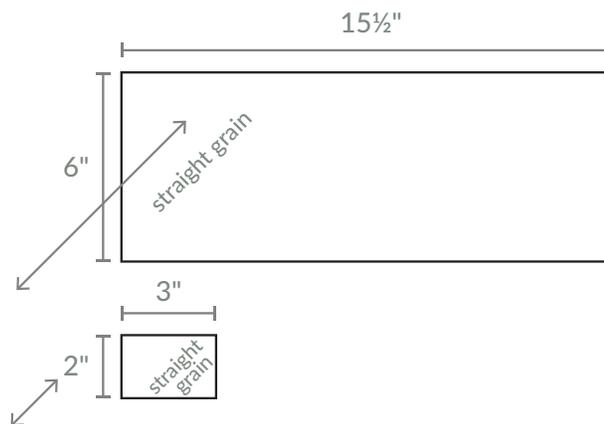
SUPPLIES:

Light to medium-bodied fabric with matching thread. We used raw silk because we wanted it to have a bit of sheen.

¼" wide matching grosgrain ribbon, to fit a little boy's neck circumference plus about 2"

Beginning sewing skills

Following our pattern, cut a piece of 15½" x 6" fabric ON THE BIAS. (This is important). Cut another piece 2" x 3" ALSO ON THE BIAS.



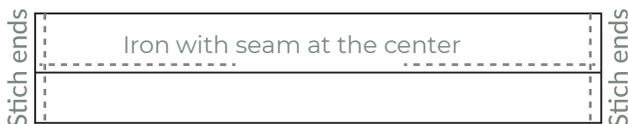
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- 1 Cut out pattern pieces. Be SURE to cut the fabric on the bias. All seams are a scant ¼"

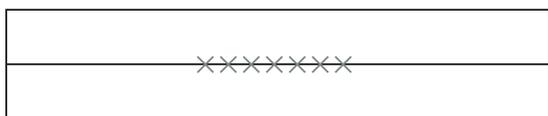
Stitch right sides together, but not in the center area.



- 2 With the seam to the centered top, sew both short edges. Trim corners.



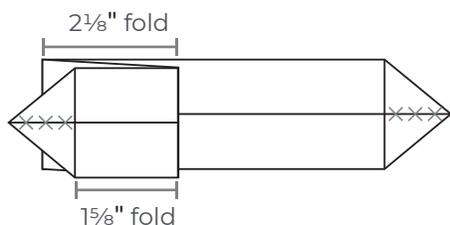
- 3 Turn right side out, using a skewer or chopstick to gently get into corners. Iron well and hand catch-stitch your opening closed.



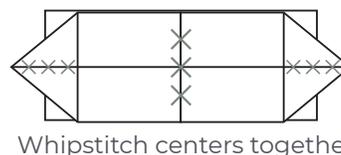
- 4 On each end, fold the edges in to make a point. Iron well and hand catch-stitch the edges together as shown.



- 5 Fold one end as shown, and iron.



- 6 Fold the other end to match. Where they meet in the center, whipstitch the two folded ends together.

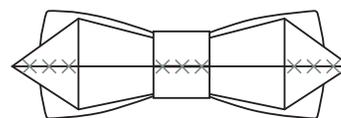


Whipstitch centers together

- 7 Using your 2" x 3" piece, fold long edges (3") right sides together. Sew long edge. Turn right side out and with seam in center, iron flat.



- 8 Pinch your larger Body piece in the center and wrap this smaller piece around it, raw edges to the back of the tie. Adjust the pinch so your tie looks just right. On the back side, turn under the top raw edges and whipstitch the small piece together. Do not sew it to the tie body, only to itself.



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- 9 Measure and cut your grosgrain ribbon to fit your little boy's neck (including room for a collared shirt) and add about 2". Slide this ribbon through the back between the small center piece and the tie Body.

- 10 Sew two or three snaps on each end to secure tie. His shirt collar should fit right over the ribbon, hiding it. You can also sew two or three hook and eyes or a button and buttonhole— whichever is easiest for you.

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