



How to make a Little Ragged Blossom Hair Clip



There's something wonderful about handmade projects you can do with the kids! This Christmas, we've got some inspiration from Sarah Lauren (www.sarahlauren.com.au) for a wonderful hand-making project you can do with the kids! Inspired by Little Ragged Blossom, these little hair clips make wonderful Christmas gifts for school friends, and a fabulous activity to do with your child.

To celebrate the upcoming centenary, why not set about making some "Little Ragged Blossom" inspired presents for the girls at school. They're simple, gorgeous, affordable and there's nothing so special as a handmade gift!

You will need:

- 9cm of 75mm Emerald Green Grosgrain Ribbon
- 15cm of 38mm Double Faced Satin Ribbon
- 11cm of 9mm Brown Grosgrain Ribbon
- Small piece of wadding approx 5cm circle
- Alligator Clip
- Kikusui double sided tape & E6000
- Hot glue gun
- Needle & thread
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Tealight candle

Making the Top Nut:

1. Take the 9cm piece of 75mm ribbon and cut a 75mm piece off so that you have a square. Trim the edges to form a circle.
2. Light the tea light candle and move the cut edges of the ribbon slowly towards the flame. You will see the ribbon melting slightly. Rotate the circle of ribbon until all sides have been melted slightly. This method is called heat sealing. It stops the ribbon from fraying as you work.
3. Take your needle and thread and use a running stitch and work your way around the circle of ribbon about 3mm from the edge. Until you make it back to where you started. Slowly pull on the thread to gather the ribbon.
4. When you have made a little pocket place the wadding in the centre before tying it off.

Making the Blossom Section:

1. Take the 15cm of satin ribbon and fold it in half lengthways. Cut from the fold up towards the edges of the ribbon as pictured. Continue cutting until you reach the end of the ribbon.
2. With the ribbon still folded use the needle and thread to place a running stitch along the top edge and then gather to form a circle. Tie it off.

Making the lined Alligator Clip:

1. Take the 11cm of 9mm brown ribbon and heat seal each end. Place a length of the double sided tape to the ribbon.
2. Remove the backing strip and place one end of the ribbon in the mouth of the clip. Carefully fold the ribbon back over the clip and cover the rest of the clip with ribbon. You can use E6000 instead of the double sided tape.

Assembling the Hair Clip:

1. With the remaining emerald ribbon cut a small piece about 3mm x 8mm to form a stork. Use a pair of tweezers to hold the ribbon as you gently pass it over the tea light candle to heat seal the ribbon.
2. Using your scissors make a tiny hole in the top of the bulb. Use a little bit of glue on the bottom of the stork before pushing the base into the hole.
3. Now take all 3 pieces and using hot glue assemble the Little Ragged Blossom Hair Clip.

Have a look at some of our other ribbon craft tutorials on our blog.

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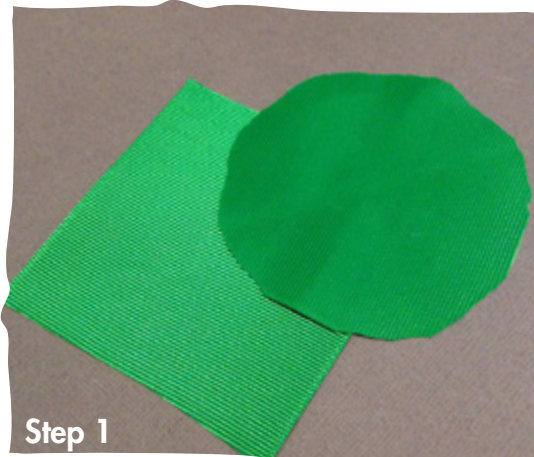




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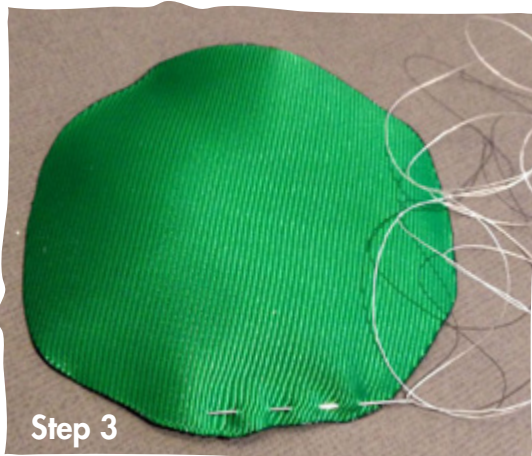
Making the Top Nut



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4





Making the Blossom Section



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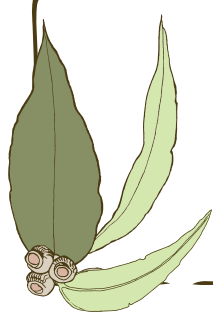
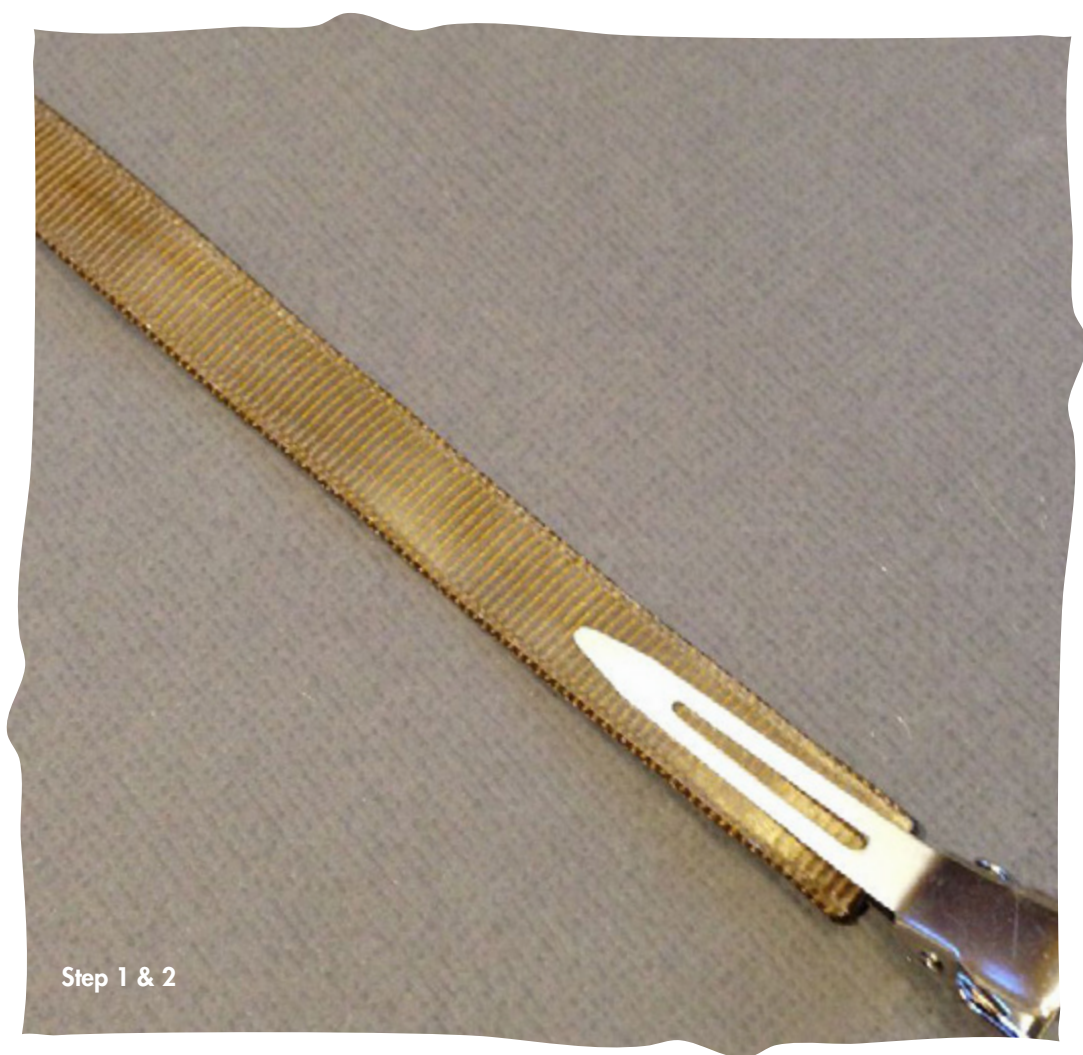


Step 2





Making the lined Alligator Clip





Assembling the Hair Clip

