

How to Make Bow Tie Trim



To figure how much ribbon you need. Take the area to be covered and multiply by 3. For example, if you need to cover 36". Multiply 36 x 3 and you get 108". We used 1-1/2" velvet ribbon for this project. Turn the ribbon wrong side up and mark on the back side of the ribbon every 2 inches.

Using the marks, pleat up the ribbon forming 2" box pleats as shown above.



Press the pleats in place.



Apply three rows of Steam-A-Seam2 to the backside of the ribbon by pressing with a steam iron.



Turn the ribbon right side up. Peel the backing off the Steam-A-Seam and carefully press the pleated ribbon onto your curtain along the leading edge.



Pleat up each box pleat forming a bow tie as shown. Use the tack gun as shown to tack the bow tie.



Keep pleating and tacking and you will have a beautiful handmade trim for your curtain!



Instead of ribbon, you can use your own fabric to make the bow-tie trim. Just make a 1-1/2" tube of fabric and turn right side out and press. Follow the steps above.