





Projects

## "Bow Tie Tutorial"



Bow ties are timeless and super-easy to sew! Create several in only 30 minutes and wrap them up for a great Father's Day gift that's handmade and heartfelt. Then, make one for the little man in his life!

## **Skill Level: Beginner**

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Adult Bow Tie Supplies: <u>Baby Lock® Sewing Machine</u> <u>Madeira Aerofil</u> all-purpose thread to match fabrics 7 inches of 45"-width fabric 4" x 40" piece of lightweight fusible interfacing Print Free Bow Tie Pattern Download at Totally Stitchin'

## **Adult Bow Tie Instructions:**

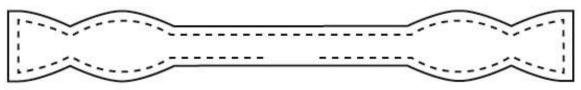
1. You'll need to know your man's neck measurement. After printing the free pattern from the link in the supplies list above, cut out your pieces, and shorten the neckband piece to half of his neck measurement. Tape piece 1 to piece 2 at the dashed line.



2. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric aligning the long side of the interfacing to one of the long sides of the fabric. Cut 2 on the fold.



3. Pin pretty sides together. Stitch around the entire perimeter with a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" seam allowance, leaving a 2" opening. (For a bigger bow tie, just use a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" seam allowance). Clip your corners and valleys. Then, cut your curves down to a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" with pinking shears (or clip your curves). Turn right side out, carefully pushing out the points, as well as the curves on the bow tie. Press. Close the opening by stitching machine or by hand, and you're done! Need help tying a bow tie? There's no shortage of tutorials online to help you perfect your technique.





You'll find the child-size bow tie (hook-and-loop closure) tutorial here: http://totallystitchin.net/articles/free-bow-tie-pattern



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