

Here is a very cute & different way to use Ribbons on your Holiday cards...

Isn't this tree cute? Just think - you could use yellow/orange/brown ribbons to create beautiful Thanksgiving cards too - you could even create place card holders using trees like this for your Holiday table...



I just love how this tree turned out and will be making a bunch of them, especially to decorate teacher gifts...

I am going to show you how easy they are to make in just a few steps - all you need to make these cute embellishments are:

- Ribbon of your choice - you can use one color like I did or a variety
- 4" Lollipop stick
- Mini Glue Dots
- Sharp fabric scissors

The Ribbon Tree trunk:

Take your 4" lollipop stick - *I found them at my local Walmart at around \$2 a pack and I know that large craft stores also carry them* – and use acrylic paint or ink to color it.

I wanted mine to be Soft Suede and so simply took the lollipop stick and rolled it around my ink pad and it colored beautifully and quickly – and it dried super fast too!

I decided to cut 1/2' off of the top to make room for my star and used wire cutters to do this...



The Ribbon Tree:

You are going to cut your Ribbon of choice into lengths – I used Gumball Green Stitched Satin and cut mine at:

- 1 x 5 1/4"
- 1 x 4 1/2"
- 1 x 4"
- 1 x 3 3/4"
- 7 x 3" - *it gets tough to tie knots if you go shorter than this!*

Tie a knot into the center of each and attach each to a Mini Glue Dot...



Now you are going to attach your ribbons to your tree trunk in one of two ways:

1. adhere each ribbon to the center of your tree trunk - from the largest at the bottom through to the smallest at the top - and then trim freehand using your fabric scissors
2. OR do what I did (because I am a perfectionist LOL) and use a template behind the tree to guide you in your placement & cutting.

If you choose Step 1 simply add each piece of ribbon to your tree and trim to shape - you are done!

If you choose Step 2 then follow the directions below:

Firstly you need to create a template to guide you in placement & cutting of your ribbons (this can be used more than once) - cut a piece of scrap cardstock to measure 3" x 2 1/2"...



Now you are going to make a pencil mark on your widest length at the half way point - 1 1/2"...



And using your paper trimmer, cut from this point down to the outside corner - repeat for the other side - to give you a triangle...



Set your tree trunk in position onto that triangle - to secure it just use a glue dot to stop it from moving around - this is not a permanent position, just temporary whilst you work on the tree.

As you can see from my photo below, this is the perfect size for a standard card front - but of course if you prefer it to be larger or smaller, adjust the size of your template accordingly...



Move your tree trunk to a work surface and add your first ribbon...



Gradually work your way up the trunk...



Until you reach the top...



Take your pair of sharp fabric scissors and - using the triangle template as a guide - hold your ribbons in place and carefully cut the tree shape...



You can then add your tree to your card or project and add any other embellishments you would like - I added a cute star to the top of my tree that I found in the stamp set Jolly Bingo Bits...



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