

Bowdabra®

Bow Maker, Favor Maker & Craft Tool

Fall Home Decorating Project Ideas!

**bowmaking
made easy!**



Step-By-Step
Instructions With Pictures



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Fun Halloween Tree

SUPPLIES:

- [Bowdabra with Bowdabra Wand](#)
- 24" [Bowdabra Wire](#)
- Square Styrofoam
- 8 Glitter Spiral Floral Picks (Christmas Collection #451944)
- Green Floral Tape
- Spanish Moss
- Orange Ribbon
- Mini Halloween Ornaments
- Hot Glue Gun



PUTTING IT TOGETHER.....



1. Begin by gathering all the materials you will need for this project. All items should be easy to find at your local craft store. The only item that might be a little hard to find is the floral picks. However, all craft stores have floral picks if you can't find the exact ones just look for something similar that would make good spooky branches.



2. Use the floral tape to wrap the floral picks tightly together. Then insert the entire bunch into the center of the square Styrofoam block.



3. Shape the floral picks into tree branches. Pull the tight circles apart and arrange them from bottom to top forming tree like branches.



4. Use hot glue to attach the Spanish moss to the top and all four sides of the Styrofoam block.



5. Cut a 24" piece of Bowdabra wire and fold it in half. Lay it into the Bowdabra. You'll have a loop at one end and two loose pieces at the opposite end.



6. Next, determine the length of your tails. Lay your ribbon into the Bowdabra. Decide how big you want your loops. To make your first loop, fold the ribbon and press into the Bowdabra. Continue folding the ribbon back and forth until you have created as many loops as you desire. (For this project there was only one loop on each side and two 6" tails.)



7. Scunch down the bow with your Bowdabra Wand.



8. While the bow is still in the Bowdabra, thread the two loose ends of the Bowdabra bow wire through the loop at the other end.



9. Pull the bow wire tightly while the bow is still in the Bowdabra.



10. Gently pull the bow out of the Bowdabra. Separate the two loose ends of the bow wire and bring them around to the back of the bow. To tie off the bow, pinch the bow wire securely against the bow. Twist the bow 4 to 6 times in a clockwise direction.



11. Wind the remaining Bowdabra Wire around a pencil to give the bow a fun effect.



12. Attach the bow to the Styrofoam with a straight pin.



13. Hang mini Halloween ornaments from spooky branches!

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Chenille Spider With Rhinestone Eyes

SUPPLIES:

- [Bowdabra with Bowdabra Wand](#)
- [Bowdabra Wire](#)
- Black Chenille Yarn
- Black Pipe Cleaners
- Black Thread
- 2 Black Buttons
- 2 Red Rhinestones
- Hot Glue Gun



PUTTING IT TOGETHER.....



1. Begin by gathering all the materials you will need for this project. All the materials can easily be found at your local craft store.



2. Place 24" of Bowdabra Wire folded in half into your Bowdabra. Measure out approximately 13yds of yarn for the main spider body. Then using your yarn make 2" loops on each side of the Bowdabra.



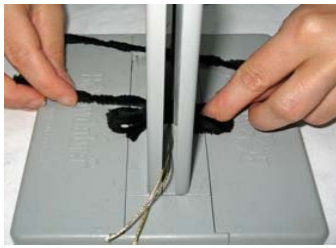
3. Once you have used approximately half of your yarn place four black pipe cleaners 8.5" long into the center of the Bowdabra.



4. Continue making loops with the remaining yarn on the top of the black pipe cleaners. Scrunch chenille loops down with Bowdabra Wand. Then finish by tying Bowdabra wire tightly around the loops.



5. Fluff main body of the spider and shape pipe cleaner legs. Set aside.



6. Place another 24" Bowdabra Wire folded in half at the bottom of the Bowdabra. Measure out approximately 5yds of chenille yarn for the head of the spider. Then using your yarn make 1" loops on each side of the Bowdabra.



7. When all the chenille yarn is looped, scrunch down with Bowdabra Wand, and pull the tails of Bowdabra Wire through the loop and tie tightly.



8. Fluff and shape the head.



9. Using the Bowdabra wire from the head, securely attach the head to the main body. Leave Bowdabra wire uncut to hang spider!



10. Sew buttons onto the spider for eyes. Use a long needle and double strand thread, run thread through the underneath of the main body to the head.



11. Hot glue rhinestones onto the front of the buttons to hide the stitching. Attach spider to a gift bag, candy bowl, wreath, or even hang in your window. The possibilities are endless!

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Inexpensive Fall Decoration

SUPPLIES:

- [Bowdabra with Bowdabra Wand](#)
- [Bowdabra Wire](#)
- Paper Towel Cardboard Tube
- Fall Floral Stems
- Dark Orange Ribbon
- Festive Fall Wire Ribbon 2.5" wide



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1. Begin by gathering all the materials you will need for this project. You might not even have to leave your home to find most of these materials!



2. Take the cardboard paper towel tube and hot glue the dark orange ribbon along the top.



3. Wrap the ribbon around once and then form a loop with ribbon; hot glue the loop to the cardboard.



4. Continue to wrap the ribbon around the entire cardboard piece, hot glue at the bottom.



5. Cut a 24" piece of Bowdabra bow wire and fold it in half. Lay it into the Bowdabra. You'll have a loop at one end and two loose pieces at the opposite end.



6. Lay your ribbon into the Bowdabra. Decide how big you want your loops. To make your first loop, fold the ribbon and press into the Bowdabra. Continue folding the ribbon back and forth until you have created as many loops as you desire.



7. Scrunch down the ribbon with the Bowdabra wand.



8. While the bow is still in the Bowdabra, thread the two loose ends of the Bowdabra bow wire through the loop at the other end.



9. Pull the bow wire tightly while the bow is still in the Bowdabra.



10. Gently pull the bow out of the Bowdabra. Separate the two loose ends of the bow wire and bring them around to the back of the bow. To tie off the bow, pinch the bow wire securely against the bow. Twist the bow 4 to 6 times in a clockwise direction.



11. Fluff your Fold Bow and attach it to your paper towel cardboard tube with the Bowdabra Wire.



12. Make a total of three Fold Bows and attach them to cardboard tube.



13. Turn the tube around and insert floral stems. Use a door hanger or attach your easy, inexpensive fall decoration to your door.

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Festive Fall Wreath

SUPPLIES:

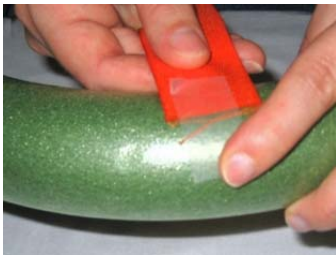
- [Bowdabra with Bowdabra Wand](#)
- [Bowdabra Wire](#)
- 12" Green Decorative Foam (plastic foam)
- Approx. 10 yards of 2.5" wide wire ribbon
- Approx. 10 yards of 1.25" wide grosgrain orange ribbon
- 15 Fall Floral Stems (no larger than 10" in length)



PUTTING IT TOGETHER.....



1. Begin by gathering all the materials you will need for this project. All the materials can easily be found at your local craft store.



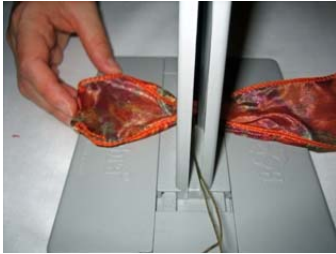
2. Next tape your orange grosgrain ribbon to the foam. Wrap the ribbon around the tape to hold it securely in place. Begin to wrap the entire foam piece tightly with the ribbon. If you prefer; you can also use hot glue instead of tape.



3. Once wreath is entirely wrapped in ribbon secure it in place with another strip of tape (or hot glue).

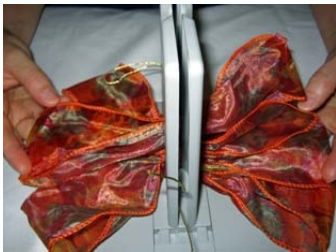


4. Cut a 24" piece of Bowdabra wire and fold it in half. Lay it into the Bowdabra. You'll have a loop at one end and two loose pieces at the opposite end.



5. FOLD the ribbon to make a 3" loop (ie: 3" loop which will require 6" of ribbon). TWIST the ribbon 180° and press down into the Bowdabra. The right side of the ribbon will now be facing down, ready for your next loop.

* Repeat this step. You'll now have a loop on each side of the Bowdabra.



6. Your "Fold Bow" should have three 3" loops on each side.



7. Then place three floral stems face down on only one side of the bow. Trim the floral stems so that the entire piece is no larger than 10" in length.



8. Scunch down with Bowdabra wand.



9. Pull the bow wire tightly while the bow is still in the Bowdabra.





7. Pull tails of Bowdabra wire through the loop and tie tightly. Then place the ribbon with foliage onto your orange wreath. Wrap the Bowdabra wire around the wreath and then tie it tightly again on the top. Trim Bowdabra wire.



8. Once ribbon with foliage is securely on the wreath; shape your bow.



9. Repeat steps 4 – 8 four more times. Make sure to always put the foliage on the same side of the ribbon each time. Tie everything tightly and close together on the wreath.



10. Hang on your wall or front door for a wonderful eye catching fall wreath.

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Primitive ~ Country Turkey Decoration

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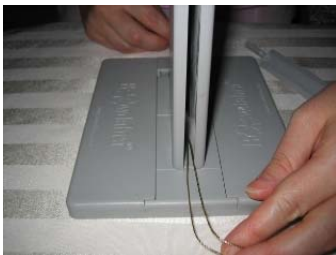
- [Bowdabra with Bowdabra Wand](#)
- [Bowdabra Wire](#)
- 2.5" wide wire fabric ribbon
- 6 long strands of Natural Colored Raffia
- Red and Yellow Curling Ribbon
- 2 Seed beads or buttons
- Decorative Botanical Filler (or a pine cone)



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2. Cut a 24" piece of Bowdabra bow wire and fold it in half. Lay it into the Bowdabra. You'll have a loop at one end and two loose pieces at the opposite end.



3. Using 6 to 7 strands of Raffia make a 3" loop on one side of the Bowdabra the other side should only have .5" loop. Continue to loop the Raffia back and forth three times.



4. Trim away the excess raffia.



5. Next, take your fabric ribbon and lay it right side facing down into your Bowdabra. FOLD the ribbon to make a 4" loop (ie: 4" loop which will require 8" of ribbon). TWIST the ribbon 180° and press down into the Bowdabra. The right side of the ribbon will now be facing down, ready for your next loop.

* Repeat this step. You'll now have a loop on each side of the Bowdabra.



6. Continue to make three 4" loops on each side; for a total of six loops.



7. Scrunch down, again, with your Bowdabra Wand.



8. While the bow and raffia is still in the Bowdabra, thread the two loose ends of the Bowdabra bow wire through the loop at the other end.



9. Pull the bow wire tightly while the bow is still in the Bowdabra.



10. Gently pull the bow out of the Bowdabra. Separate the two loose ends of the bow wire and bring them around to the back of the bow. To tie off the bow, pinch the bow wire securely against the bow. Twist the bow 4 to 6 times in a clockwise direction.



12. To form the turkey's head tie a piece of raffia around the center of the main body.



13. Fluff the bow loops into a fan-like shape. Then trim the bottom of the raffia so that it is level with the bottom loops of your bow.

Helpful Hint Twirl the Bowdabra Wire and place it up inside one of the ribbon loops. The Bowdabra Wire makes it easy if in the future you want to attach your turkey to a wreath, center piece, or a fall gift.



14. Form the body of your turkey. Start by cutting a small piece of yellow curling ribbon. Pinch a small piece of ribbon in half to form the beak. Hot glue the very ends of the beak to the head. To make the red "snood" of the turkey use red curling ribbon and run one of your scissor's blades along the ribbon to make it curl. Attach snood with hot glue. Lastly, use seed beads or buttons for the eyes.



15. To finish the turkey hot glue a decorative piece in the front. Picture to the left shows a "Decorative Filler Botanicals", found at a local chain store. But either a decorative pine cone or a real pine cone would work also.



16. Place on a mantel, use as a center piece, attach it to a wreath, or attach it to a gift box.

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Fun, Easy, Inexpensive Dog Toy

SUPPLIES:

- [Bowdabra with Bowdabra Wand](#)
- 2 large adult white athletic socks
- Nylon Rope



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1. Begin by gathering all the materials you will need for this project. You might not even have to leave your home to find most of these materials!



2. Cut a 24" piece of nylon rope and fold it in half. Lay it into the Bowdabra. You'll have a loop at one end and two loose pieces at the opposite end.



3. Fold the sock and half and press firmly into the Bowdabra.



4. Measure the nylon rope 8" in and place into the Bowdabra. Measure another 8" on the other side and form a loop. Repeat on the other side.



5. Take each end of the nylon rope and make a knot. Loop the end around the center and throw the opening.



6. Pull the knot tight.



7. Fold the other sock in half and place into the Bowdabra.



8. Scrunch down with Bowdabra Wand.



9. While the socks and nylon rope are still in the Bowdabra, thread the two loose ends of the nylon rope through the loop at the other end.



10. Pull the nylon rope tightly while the dog toy is still in the Bowdabra.



11. Gently pull the dog toy out of the Bowdabra. Separate the two loose ends of the nylon rope and bring them around to the back of the bow. Double knot the nylon rope.



12. Give it to your dog or dogs for hours of tug-of-war fun.

Warning: Never leave your dog unattended while playing with this toy or any other dog toy.

Facts

What is the Bowdabra?

The Bowdabra (pronounced like “abracadabra”) is an easy-to-use crafting tool people use to make professional-looking, hand-tied bows at home.

What types of things can a Bowdabra be used for?

Just about any type of material can be used in a Bowdabra to create beautiful bows for gifts, baskets, home décor, bridal decorations, hair accessories, and more.

How does the Bowdabra work?

The Bowdabra’s patented design makes it simple to create medium to large bows. The process begins by inserting a piece of ribbon wire into the Bowdabra. Then, material is either scrunched or folded on top of the wire to achieve the bow size and fullness desired. Once the material is in, the Bowdabra Wand is used to compact the material onto the ribbon wire. The wire is then tied, and the bow can be removed from the Bowdabra. Once removed, the bow can be fluffed, arranged, and retied to the maker’s liking.

Who is Sandy Sandler?

Sandy Sandler is the creative mind behind the Bowdabra. She owned a corporate gift company that created gift baskets and other items in need of bows and found it difficult to train employees to create them by hand. Sandy tried other bow-making tools on the market, but they were difficult to use and did not produce the result she was looking for.

Certain there had to be a better way to quickly and easily create bows; Sandy hired a design engineer to help develop what became the Bowdabra.

Did Sandy Sandler invent the Bowdabra?

While Sandy takes credit for recognizing the need for a better way to make bows, she shares the spotlight with her team of designers that helped make her dream a reality. Patents for the Bowdabra are in Sandy’s name.

Where are Bowdabras sold?

Bowdabras can be found in retail stores like ACMoore, Michael’s, Hancock Fabrics, and Garden Ridge. They are also available online at www.Bowdabra.com. Many owner-operated craft shops stock Bowdabra as well. Check with your local craft supply store.

How much does a Bowdabra cost?

The exact pricing for the Bowdabra varies slightly between retailers, but remains inexpensive in the range of \$14.99 to \$30.00, depending on the kit configuration. When you factor in the money saved not having to buy manufactured bows, the Bowdabra practically pays for itself.