

## A Quick Ribbon Rose

These tiny roses are perfect for decorating heirloom costumes, or adding a bit of color and detail to an elegant or fanciful doll outfit. The 4 mm size looks best with the smaller dolls (4 inches to 19 inches)

If you haven't made one of these folded ribbon roses before you might want to practice with a larger 7 mm size until you get the basic technique. Make it a bit easier by stiffening the ribbon or using a stiffer less slippery ribbon for practice.

For a tiny rose made with 4 mm ribbon make your first fold about 2 1/2 to 3 inches from the end. For the larger ones made with 7 mm ribbon make the first fold about 4 1/2 inches from the end.

Before you begin folding have a bit of glue ready and a large needle for applying the glue to secure the rose.

- 1) Make a diagonal fold forming a right angle.
- 2) Make a right angle fold where the edge of the ribbon crosses the width.
- 3) Hold carefully while you turn the configuration over and fold the long end against the edge of the ribbon.
- 4) Alternate folding the 2 lengths of ribbon over each other while holding firmly to keep a tight little square. Count 16 to 18 folds or fold until you nearly reach the end of the short length.
- 5) Hold the 2 tails of ribbon together with one hand and release the square which will form a chain at this point. Grasp the longer tail and gently pull allowing the ribbon to slip between your fingers drawing up the chain until a rose is formed.
- 6) Continue to hold the rose firmly although you can transfer it to the other hand. Apply tiny spots of glue at the base and between a couple of the lower folds and press with your fingers to allow the glue to grab and secure the rose. Fold and press the rose against the base. Trim away the excess ribbon.
- 7) Make ribbon leaves by folding the ribbon in a loop with an extra twist. Apply a tiny bit of glue with the needle between the folds of the ribbon and press with your fingers. Make a second leaf. and secure with glue. Trim away excess ribbon.
- 8) Glue the ribbon rose in the center of the 2 leaves.

