

BOW TO FASHION

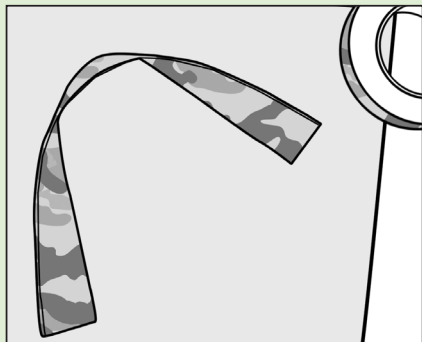
Materials: Duck Tape® rolls, headband/hair clip, found and recycled objects, scissors

- 1** Discuss with students the idea of the bow as a fashion trend that has been reimagined continuously since the 17th century. Have them research famous works of art featuring a bow or bow tie (such as Van Gogh's self-portraits and Jacob Ferdinand Voet's portrait of Marchese Cesare Baldinotti).
- 2** Describe and discuss the bows that they see in art and everyday life. What are the colors, shapes, and textures of each? What makes them works of art in themselves, and what effect do they have on both the viewer and the wearer?
- 3** Tell students they will create their very own bows and bow ties as youthful symbols of life and fashion today using colored and patterned Duck Tape®. Use the instructions below to guide each student.

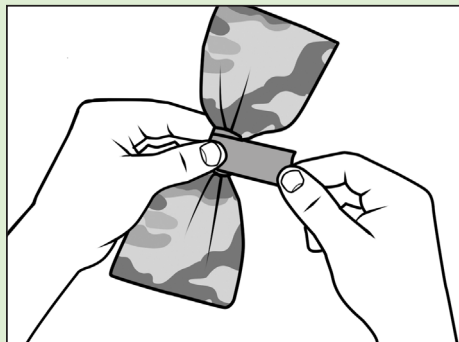


HOW-TO

1. Making Fabric—Create a long, narrow swatch of “fabric” by laying out a sheet of overlapping strips of Duck Tape® and then covering it sticky side to sticky side with another layer of tape in the desired color or pattern.



2. Scrunch and Secure—Connect the ends of the strip of fabric together with more tape, creating a large loop. Press the loop together in the middle and scrunch in to create the center of the bow. Secure the center of the bow in place by wrapping with a narrow strip of tape.



3. Clip or Tie—To wear as a hair bow, use more tape to attach the bow to a hair clip or a Duck Tape®-wrapped headband. For a bow tie, create a strip of “ribbon” by folding a long strip of tape in thirds, using more tape to secure the ribbon to the bow and then tie around your neck.