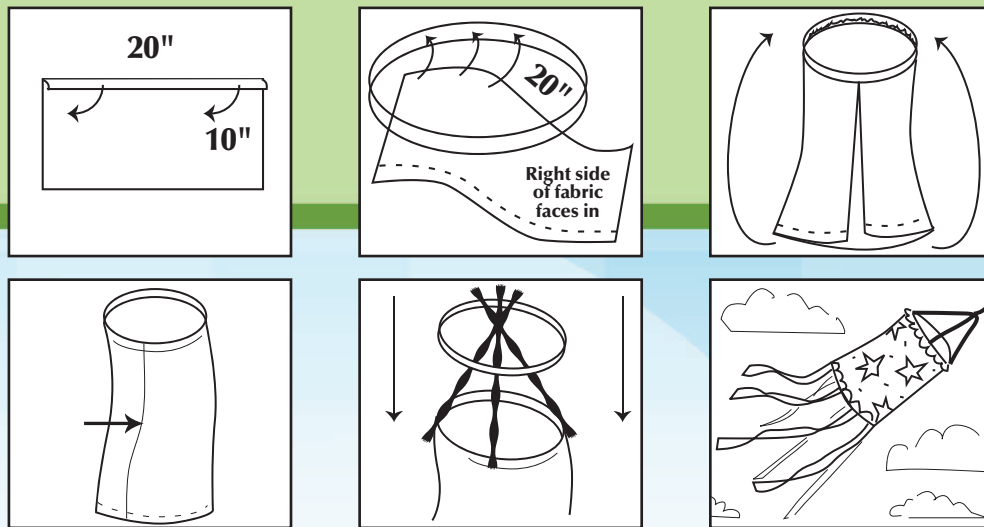


How to make a Ribbon Windsock



Windsocks are often seen at airports because they show us the direction and strength of the wind. Hanging your own windsock outside of your house is a great way to see which way the wind is blowing, and it's a fun and colorful decoration.

What you'll need:

- Nine yards of 5/8"-wide satin ribbon in three different colors for a total of 27 yards
- 40-1/2" length of 1/4"-wide ribbon
- One 6" round embroidery hoop
- Fabric glue or hot glue gun (needs adult supervision)
- 22-1/2" length of 7/8"-wide box pleat ribbon
- One 20"L x 10"W piece of nonstretch fabric
- Sewing pins

Directions:

1. Start with the 20"L x 10"W fabric. Fold it under 1/2" along the long 20" end and glue it in place.
2. Separate the outer and inner rings of the embroidery hoop and apply glue to the inside of the inner ring. Adhere the cut raw side of the material to the ring starting with the corner and keeping the material even with the top of the ring. Allow to dry.
3. Take the bottom edge of the fabric and gently pull it over the top of the hoop, then through the hoop so the outside is covered with fabric. Glue the seams together to create a tube of fabric.
4. Using the sewing pins, mark the fabric along the outside of the hoop in three equal sections. This will show your ribbon hanger placements. Cut the 1/4"-wide ribbon into three 13" lengths. Tie the ribbons together at one end. Glue the loose ribbon ends to the fabric on the outside of the small ring 1/4" for the top using the pin placements as your guide.
5. Place the outer ring of the embroidery hoop back into its original position so it holds the fabric and ribbon ties together, then tighten the screw to secure.
6. Cut the 5/8"-wide ribbon into nine one-yard lengths. Glue the ribbons to the bottom of the fabric tube along the inside. Be sure to alternate colors.
7. Glue the box pleat ribbon over the outside of the embroidery hoop.
8. Have fun watching the ribbons sway and dance whichever way the wind blows!