

Tying a Knot Without Much Fuss



Those of you who've spent much time reading my blog or attending my classes know that I really enjoy using ribbon accents. I use these not only on my cards but on my scrapbook pages. And laying a strip of ribbon for an accent is a piece of cake. But tying a bow or a knot? **Not!**

But last year I learned a technique that has made me no longer fear the bow or knot. It's blatant cheating, but I love the way it looks.

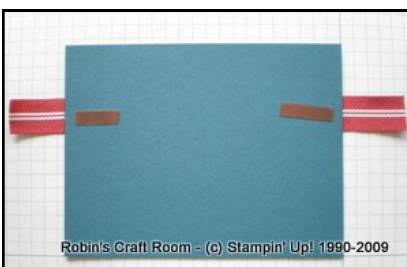
For this card, I "tied" the ribbon around the top 2 layers. I stamped the Very Vanilla Card Stock using Not Quite Navy Classic Ink, and then textured it with one of the Exclusive Stampin' Up! Sizzix Texturz Plates. I layered that on Not Quite Navy Card Stock. Note that, when I am using textured paper, I don't use SNAIL so that I don't flatten out any of the texture. I use Sticky Strip instead.



Cut a piece of ribbon about 1-1/2" to 2" wider than the length to be "tied." Cut another 5" to 6" piece of ribbon.



Lay the ribbon that will be wrapped around the card on the front of the card in the position you'll want it wrapped.



Turn the card and ribbon to the back. Note that I've used grid paper. By laying each side of the ribbon on the same grid line, I'm assured that it will be straight on the front. Apply Sticky Strip as shown, and fold the ribbon onto the back of the card to adhere it (see bottom picture at the right).



Turn the card back to the front. Slip the second piece of ribbon under the wrapped ribbon at the approximately point that you will want the knot tied (you don't have to be exact as you will be able to slide the knot when it's finished). Angle the ribbon a bit as shown.



Fold the top down so it's pointing to the left. Bring the bottom up over the folded top piece and tuck it back into the fold made by the top piece (see arrow).



Pull a bit tight and adjust to the place on the wrapped ribbon that you want the knot.



Adjust the knot and the ribbon ends (it's a push and pull operation!) until they're just as you want them. Trim the ribbon as you wish.