

## How to Make a “Quilted” Ornament Using Wired Ribbon

### A NOTE FROM THE ORNAMENT GIRL...

*“There are some gorgeous holiday ribbons that can be found at craft stores, department stores, and even dollar stores. Using them to create “quilted” no-sew ornaments adds an entirely new dimension to the craft! With so many textures and patterns available, the possibilities are virtually endless.*



*Using ribbon in an ornament is not too different from using fabric... there are just a few minor tweaks you will need to make.*

*The following instructions are an addition to my “quilted” no-sew ornament tutorial. If you have not yet gone through that tutorial, you can find it right here:*

**How to Make a PERFECT “Quilted”  
No-Sew Ornament** ([click here](#))

*Happy Ornament-ing!”*

*Staci Ann*

## Ribbon Width

**Tip: Use 1-1/2" or 2-1/2" wide ribbon.**

Ribbon comes in all shapes and sizes, but I’ve found that the ones that work best for ornament-making are 1-1/2" or 2-1/2" wide. The 1-1/2" width works as-is... just cut it into 3" lengths. The 2-1/2" width can also be cut in half lengthwise in order to *get twice as many pieces out of it!*



**Remember:** To complete a Basic Star ornament, you need 32 rectangles of main fabric and 24 rectangles of accent fabric. So, if you are using a 2-1/2" width ribbon for either of these, you will only need to *cut half the amount needed* because you can cut the ribbon in half lengthwise to have enough pieces!

# The Wire

**Tip: If the wire will slide out, remove it.**

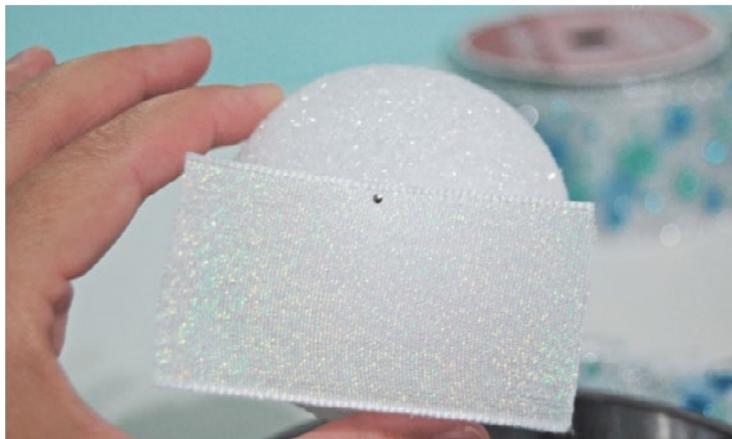
Some ribbons have thick edges, and these ribbons will be much easier to work with if you remove the wire that's inside first. Most of the time, the wires will just slide right out easily!



# Using it on an Ornament

**Tip: Don't fold down the top edge.**

The biggest difference between using ribbon and fabric is that most of the time you do not need (or want) to fold the top edge over before pinning it to your foam ball. (Many ribbons have a decorative edge that will look gorgeous when showing throughout the ornament!) Instead, place a pin *just a hair* below the top edge of the ribbon — *without folding the top edge down first as you normally would with fabric.*



**Tip: Overlap the two sides *SLIGHTLY*.**

From here, you can fold the sides down as you normally would to form a triangle.

The edges of ribbon (especially ribbons with very decorative edges) can really make the centers of your triangles more prominent. For this reason, make sure you **overlap the two sides just slightly** as explained in my Basic Star ornament tutorial, so that you have a single, straight line in the center. This will make the ornament look so *much nicer* when it's finished.



# Using Thin or Sheer Ribbon

**Tip: Pin carefully and *partly* through the ribbon's decorative edge.**

Many ribbons are so sheer or thin that if you aren't careful, your pin will go right through it, and your triangle point will pop right off.

With these ribbons, use the decorative edge to help keep your pin securely in place. Make sure that the pin is going at least *partly* through the ribbon's edge and not just through the thin part of the ribbon. Then fold down the sides to create a straight line down the center of the triangle.



# Finishing the Ornament

**Tip: Trim away the decorative edges to avoid a lumpy band.**

You can make a band out of ribbon to trim your ornament, just as you can with fabric. If your ribbon is sheer, I highly recommend trimming the decorative edges off before folding it and attaching it to the ornament, so that it doesn't show through your folds and make your trim lumpy. Fold it just as you would a fabric band, and then wrap it around the middle of the ornament to cover the raw edges and pins.

