



**STEP 1:** Place the tie around your neck. Make side one just a tiny bit longer than side two. That way, when all the knots are tied, you'll have an even-sided bow.



**STEP 2:** Cross side one (the longer side) in front of side two.



**STEP 3:** Pull side one (the longer side) under side two to make a knot.



**STEP 4:** Fold side two at the widest point on side two. Bring the center of side two up to the knot so that the bow shape is facing outside. I like to keep a finger in between the bow and the knot because that's where side one will feed into later.



**STEP 5:** Bring side one down over the bow.



**STEP 6:** Fold side one the same way you did with side two (at its widest point) so that the bow shape is facing the outside.

**STEP 7:** Push the bottom of the bow under side two and above the knot. It should feed into the hole that is formed between the knot and the two sides.



**STEP 8:** Adjust. Now you should have something that looks close to a bow. If it's sloppy, now's the time to make it perfect. Make sure that on each side of your bow there is one folded piece and one edge piece. Tighten the bow by pulling on the folded pieces first. Adjust by pulling the end pieces to make an even bow.

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