🎀Funky Bow Cheat Sheet🎀

9-Loop Funky Bow
w/5" loops and 5" tails

~Choose 3 different patterned, solid, or combination of both of wired ribbons. I usually use 2-1/2" wide ribbons but, you can use any width of ribbon

~Cut 3 strips of each ribbon at 20" long-dovetail the ends

~Make 3 piles with your ribbon—One pile per pattern of ribbon

Time to construct your bow!

~As you build your bow, think about your thumb as being the center of the bow

~Fold the first strip of ribbon in half and measure out 5" of the folded ribbon to make a loop, pinch at the 5" point and hold between your thumb and forefinger, that will leave 2 - 5" tails

~For an odd numbered looped bow, switch the "direction" of the loop each time one is added; one time the loop will be facing up from center (thumb) and then the next time the loop will be pointed down from center. Work through the ribbons alternating each strip of ribbon (change direction of the loop every time) through the different patterns of ribbon

 ~As you add each loop, twist the back tail around to bring the pattern side to the front...in other words, both tails "right sides" will be pointing in the same direction

~Work through the piles of ribbon alternating the pattern each time a strip of ribbon is added

~Tie together with a pipe cleaner

~Take time to fluff out the loops...Fluff, Fluff, Fluff! <~~Most important step!

12-Loop Funky Bow
w/5" loops & 8" tails

~Choose 3 different patterned, solid, or combination of wired ribbons. I usually use 2-1/2" wide ribbons but, you can use any width of ribbon

~Cut 4 strips of each ribbon at 26" each-dovetail the ends

~Make 3 piles with your ribbon—One pile per pattern of ribbon

<u>Time to construct your bow!</u>

~As you build your bow, think about your thumb as being the center of the bow

~Fold the first strip of ribbon in half and measure out 5" of the folded ribbon to make a loop, pinch at the 5" point, and hold between your thumb and forefinger, that will leave 8" tails

~For an even numbered looped bow, switch the direction of the loops after working through each pile of ribbon; the first time through the pattern (all 3 patterns), the first 3 loops will be pointed up from center (thumb) and then the next time through the pattern the 3 loops will be pointed down from center. Work through your ribbons alternating the direction of the strips of ribbons each time through (3 loops up then 3 loops down etc...)

~As you add each loop, twist the back tail around to bring the pattern side to the front...in other words, both tails "right sides" will be pointing in the same direction

~Tie together with a pip cleaner

~Take time to fluff out the loops...Fluff, Fluff, Fluff! <~~Most important step!

16-Loop Funky Bow
w/5" loops and 8" tails

~Follow the exact same directions as you did for the 12-Loop Funky Bow, the only difference is that you will add an additional pattern/color of ribbon to the mix.

~Instead of having 3 different ribbons in your pattern, you'll have 4 different ribbons, therefore you will make 4 piles of your ribbon.

~As in the 12 -loop bow, the first set of 4 loops (in this case) will be pointing up from center, the next set of 4 different ribbons will be pointed down, working through all of your ribbons

~As you add each loop, twist the back tail around to bring the pattern side to the front...in other words, both tails "right sides" will be pointing in the same direction

~Tie together with a pip cleaner

~Take time to fluff out the loops...Fluff, Fluff, Fluff! <~~Most important step!

For all Bows:

~I highly encourage that wired ribbon is used

~One can always change the size of one's loops and the length of one's tails to suit whatever project on which one is working (don't hesitate to trim tails down after the bow is created and in its place)

~Fluffing is the most important part of finishing off any bow one constructs, take the time to fluff

**Remember, in crafting there are no mistakes, only unique creations!

I have many bow tutorials (funky, round, tiered) on my YouTube Channel @ "Arlynn's Country Craft Corner", please don't hesitate to stop by and let me show you how to make more bows.