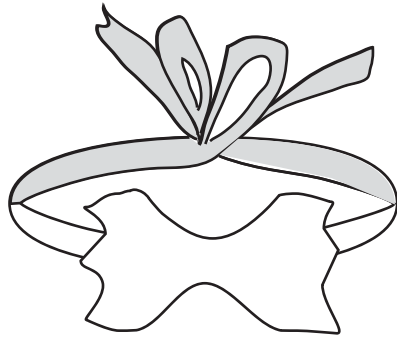


Role-play Toolkit

Make it Yourself: Usher of the Black Rod bow tie



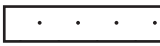





Simplified Usher of the Black Rod's bow tie

You will need:

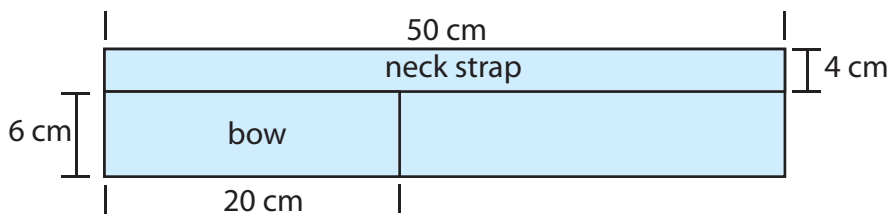
- 50 cm x 10 cm white fabric
- white cotton
- sewing needle
- sewing machine
- scissors
- tape measure
- sewing chalk and/or sewing pins
- a flat, clean surface to work on.

Key:

-  cut here
-  fold here
-  wrong side of fabric
-  right side of fabric
-  centre point
-  stitching

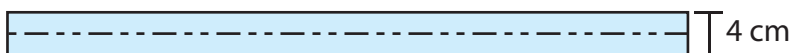
Step 1: Cutting out the bow tie pieces

- Lay dress fabric as a single layer on a flat, clean surface.
- Cut the bow tie as shown in the diagram below:

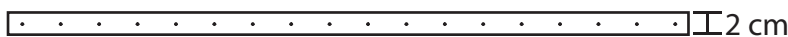


Step 2: Preparing the neck strap

- Lay 50 cm x 4 cm strip of white dress fabric on a flat, clean surface.



- Fold strip in half right sides together, matching edges.



- Pin and stitch seam.



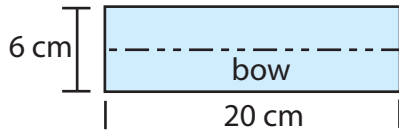
Step 3: Finishing the neck strap

- Turn the **neck strap** right sides out and press.
- Hem the open ends.

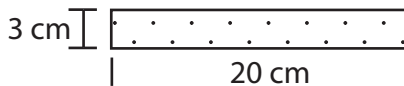


Step 4: Preparing the bow

- Lay 20 cm x 6 cm strip of white dress fabric on a flat, clean surface.



- Fold strip in half, right sides together, matching edges.



- Pin and stitch seam.

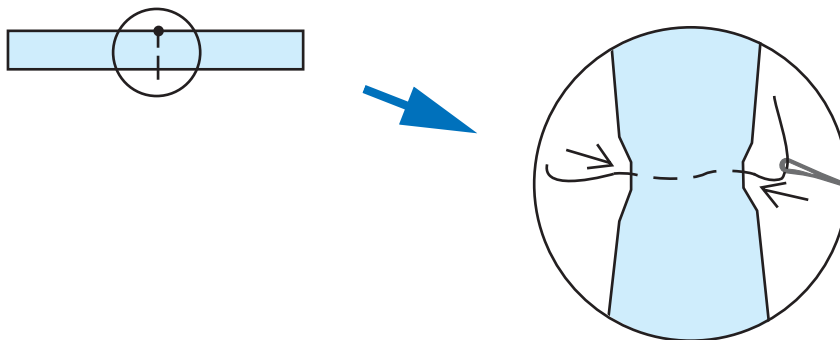


Step 5: Finishing the bow

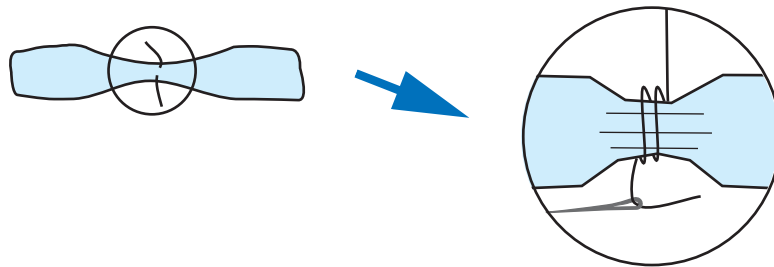
- Turn the **bow** right sides out and press.
- Hem open ends.



- Run a long gathering stitch through the centre point of the **bow**.



d) Pull the gathering stitch together, and wrap cotton around the **bow**, and knot.

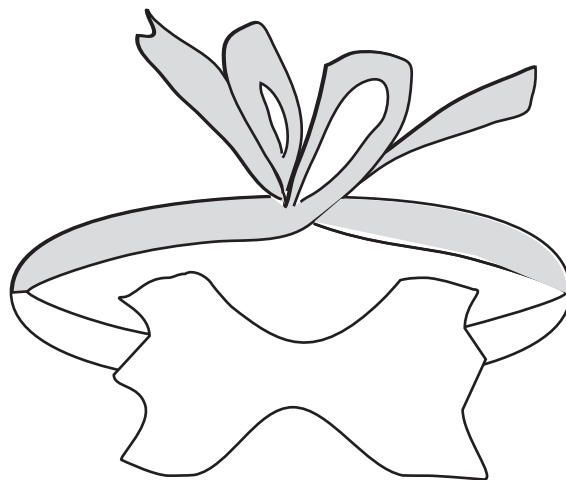


Step 6: Finishing the bow-tie

a) Sew the **bow** to the **neck strap** at the centre point.



b) Dress your Usher of the Black Rod for a parliamentary role-play experience.



Your bow-tie should look like this.