

Take & Make

Lots O' Luck Plaque!

Materials Provided:

- Wooden Plaque
- White Paint
- Paint Brush
- 6 3-Inch Pieces of Ribbon
- 7 2.5-Inch Pieces of Ribbon
- Assorted Gems

Additional Materials Needed:

- Hot Glue Gun



Directions

- Paint the plaque white. Allow to dry between coats.



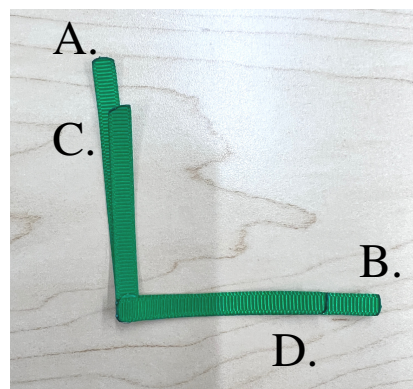
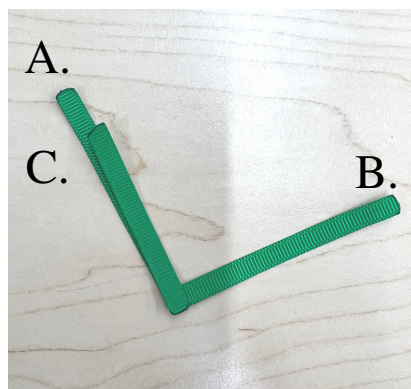
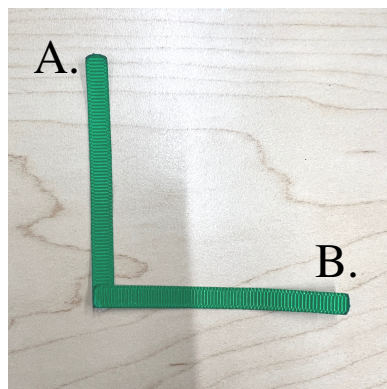
- After the wood is painted, we will be weaving the ribbon to form little hearts that, when placed side-by-side, will make a shamrock. I've tried to make the instructions as clear as possible, but it can be confusing. The most important things to remember are:

- use as little glue as possible
- keep things nice and tight

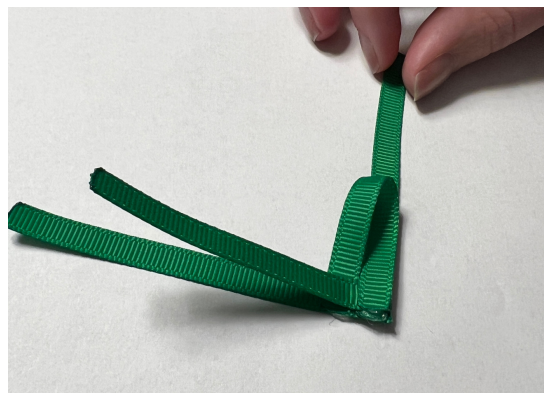
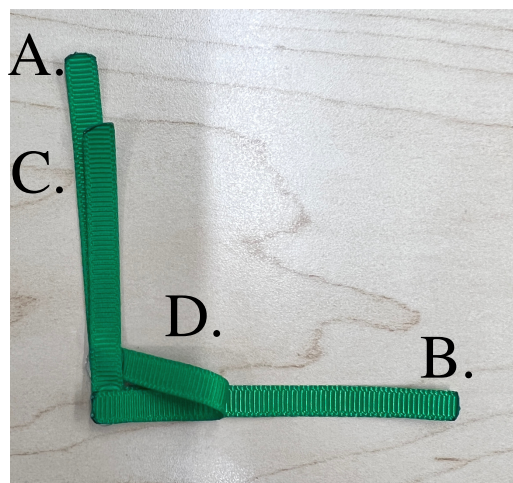
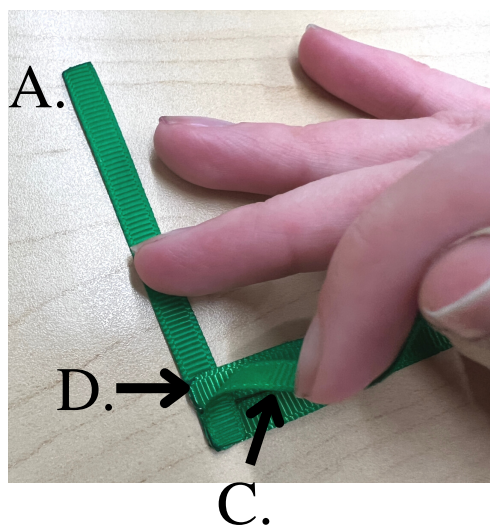
If you find a better weaving method that works for you, go for it! We are ultimately trying to end up with three hearts that look like the picture on the right.



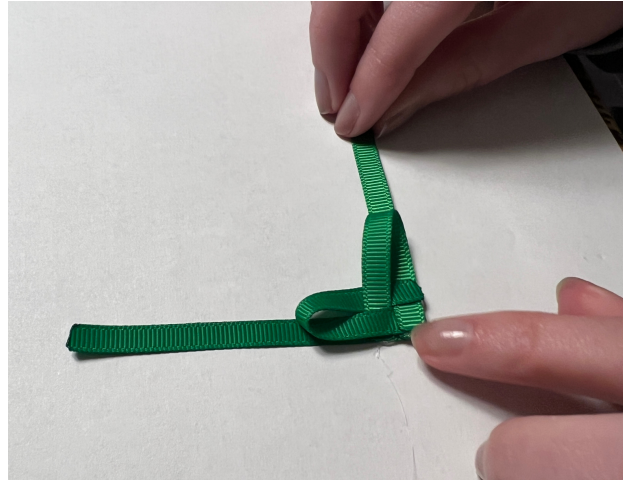
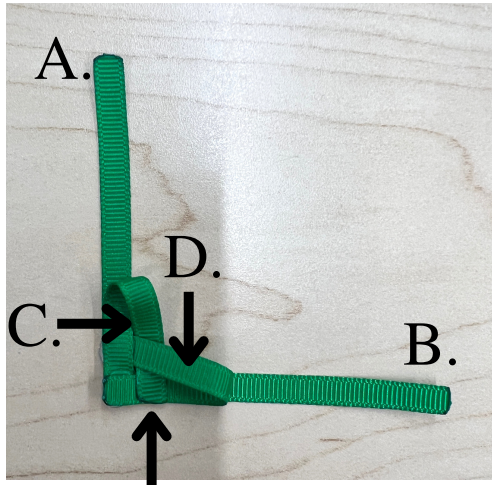
- Start with 4 pieces of ribbon - 2 longer ones and 2 shorter ones.
- Take the 2 longer pieces and glue them together to form a 90-degree angle. *These will be labeled in the pictures as Ribbon A and B.*
- Next take the 2 shorter pieces and glue them directly on top of Ribbon A and B. *The shorter pieces will be labeled in the pictures as Ribbon C and D.*



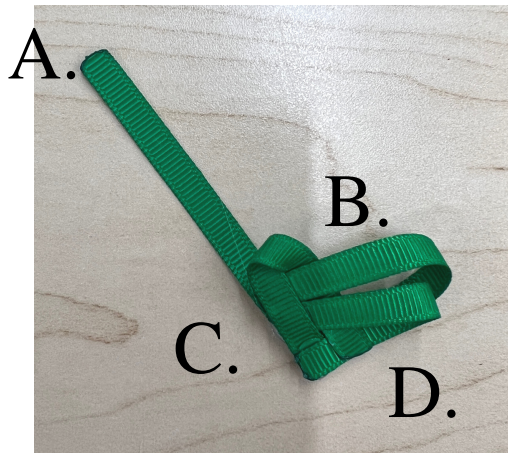
- Fold C down and out of the way.
- Glue the end of D to A.
 - Remember, just a little glue and you want to place it as low down as possible.



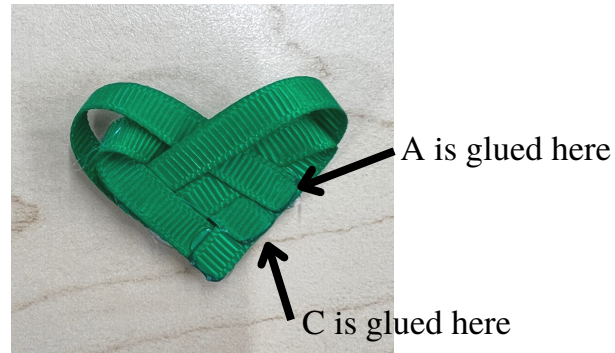
- Next, take C and fold it forwards through the loop that D made in the previous step.



- This next step is probably the trickiest. Essentially, you want to weave B through the loop that C made.
 - Take B and fold it over and then under C.
 - You want to glue the end of B directly onto A. Right next to where you glued D.



- Lastly, take A and weave it under B and then over D. You want to glue the end of A right next to where C is glued.



- You now want to repeat these steps 2 more times so you have three little hearts.
- Now take the remaining short ribbon and glue it directly to the plaque to make the stem.
 - If you want to trim this piece of ribbon shorter you absolutely can!
- Take one of the hearts and glue it on top of the "stem".
- Glue the other two heart to either side of the first one.



- Finally, glue the gem to the central point where all three hearts meet.
 - The gems are self-adhesive but I still recommend securing them with glue!

Bonus: You can deck out the plaque with the additional gemstones or add a cute message or anything to make it your own!