Make a Wooden Bow Tie

Unique and stylish, wooden bow ties are super easy and fun to make.

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Stock # Item
65008 Walnut Stock
52247 CA Glue
44146 Banding
49081 Banding
46142 Banding
34656 Black Velvet
10497 Blue Velvet

Other materials:
- Sandpaper
- Tung Oil
- 3/4" Elastic Strap
- 3/4" Velcro® Strips

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1. PICK YOUR PROFILE

Cut out a paper pattern for the bow tie. Use one of the ones provided or sketch your own. Transfer the shape to the wood as shown above.

2. CUT IT OUT

Cut out the shape of the bow tie using a scroll saw. A band saw or even a coping saw will also work well.

3. SAND IT SMOOTH

Refine the bow tie’s shape and sand the edges smooth at the same time. Hand sanding will do the job too.

4. ADD DETAILS

Apply whatever decorations please you. Secure the details using a CA type of adhesive.

5. SAND AND FINISH

When the glue has cured, do a gentle final sanding. Then apply a coat of an oil finish.

6. ATTACH THE STRAP

Attach the elastic strap as shown in the photos above with a small piece of black or blue self-adhesive felt.
Select a Shape

Below are some classic bow tie shapes. Use one of these shapes or create your own!