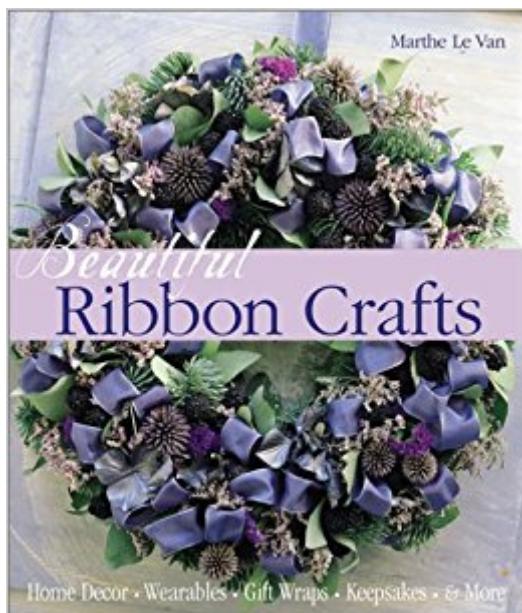


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# **Beautiful Ribbon Crafts: Home Decor \* Wearables \* Gift Wraps \* Keepsakes \* & More**



## Synopsis

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For a few years now, ribbon has been the thread of choice in all kinds of embroidery and needlepoint. Now, artist Le Van and a dozen other designers have picked up scissors, glue, and needle and thread to weave ribbons into 3-D objects for the home, as gifts, or to wear. Once necessary materials are described and a few techniques (e.g., a wired ribbon rose) explained, it's almost impossible for crafters to mangle project outcomes. Each of the 43 items is featured in at least one color photograph and accompanied by good instructions and a materials list. The do-it-yourself accessory could be as quick and easy as no-sew napkin rings or as complicated as an imperial pillow (i.e., ribbons artfully sewn together to form a cushion's face). Interspersed are brief tidbits about ribbons in culture--the Eve of St. Andrews marriage forecast for young Polish women, the Chinese ribbon dance, among other ethnic habits. Barbara Jacobs

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The book has information on ribbon types and tools. Unfortunately there are no directions on working with ribbon. There are a multitude of projects that are boring and, in my opinion, ugly. This

was a waste of my money. One of the projects directed one to lay 7 pieces of ribbon crosswise over your tablecloth and adhere them with double sided tape. Another project is a sachet and you are told how to cut the wide ribbon and sew it together. But the best are the following directions for the decorative ribbons added to the top to drape down the sides of the sachet. Step 4. Cut small lengths of the 1/4 inch wide silk or satin ribbon, tie a decorative knot in one end of each piece, and attach them to the top of the sachet. Cover the small ribbon lengths with a simple ribbon flower (see pages 19-20 for ideas). No direction on how to attach the ribbons to the ribbon sachet and the directions for making the flower are as pathetic. There are no step by step photos, just some black ink sketches.

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