

Thread Spool Keychain

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SUPPLIES:

- Empty Thread Spool (can be any size)
- Glue Gun
- Hook for pulling ribbons through the spool
- Four or five different colours of 3/8" ribbon or 1/4" ribbon (one ribbon can have a design on it)
- Lighter
- Key ring



How to Make the Keychain:

1. Remove any labels or stickers off your empty thread spool.
2. Heat seal the end of the ribbon you are using to wrap around your spool. To heat seal, you hold the lighter under the ribbon so that it just heats up and melts the ends of the ribbon. Heat sealing prevents the ribbon from fraying. ****Please use caution when using the lighter, so you don't burn yourself or your ribbons. If a child is making these with you, I highly recommend you (the adult) use the lighter. Using a lighter is at your own risk and I will not be held responsible for any damages or injuries that may happen.**

3. Starting at the top of your spool, place a bit of glue at the top and press the heat sealed end of the ribbon there.



**Do not cut the ribbon off the roll, as the length needed will depend on how much you wrap the ribbon around.

NOTE: For this step, you can use a 1" wide ribbon if you'd like. the wider ribbon is better on the bigger thread spools.

4. Wrap the ribbon around back to where you started and glue it in place.



5. Continue wrapping the ribbon around the whole spool, gluing at about half way down to help hold the ribbon in place and glue the ribbon at the bottom when you get to it. This will also help hold the ribbon in place.



6. Trim the end of the ribbon off the roll, leaving a tail and cutting it on an angle.



7. Heat seal the end of the ribbon to prevent it from fraying.



8. If you're using an empty Guttermann spool, the bottom can be pulled off. Pull it off a bit and put some glue inside the grooves. If you're not using a Guttermann spool skip to step #9



9. Push the end in, and place the ribbon in as you close it too. This will just help the ribbon stay in place. But be careful not to twist the ribbon too much.

10. Glue the tail of the ribbon to the bottom of the spool, holding it in place. This gives the illusion that the ribbon is coming off the spool.



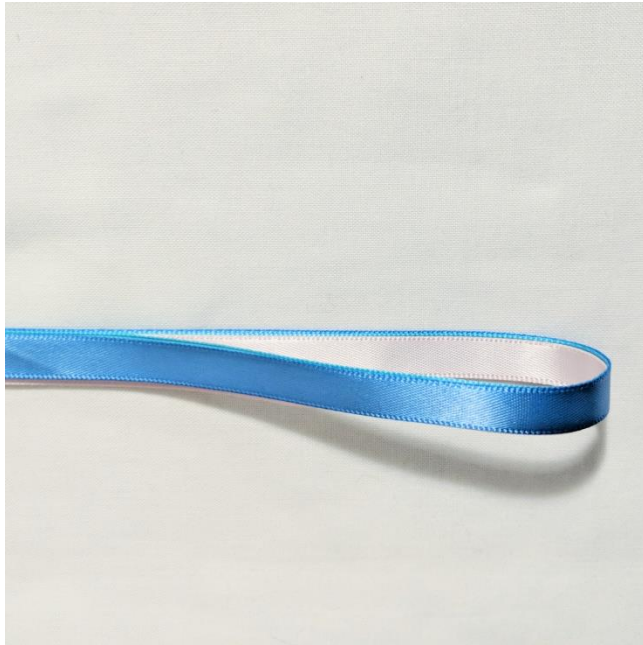
11. Cut 3 or 4 pieces of ribbons (any colour of your choice and can have designs too), 22" to 24" long.



12. Lay all the ribbons on top of each other so they are nice, neat and flat on top of each other.



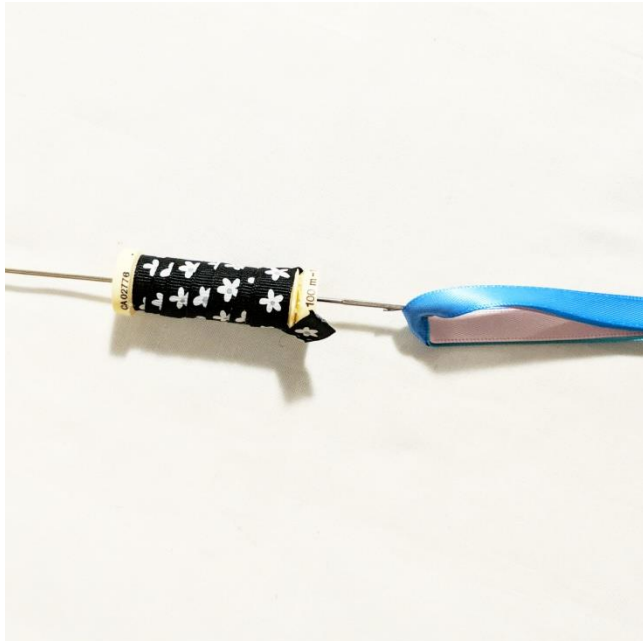
13. Fold the ribbons in half; this will create a little loop at one end.



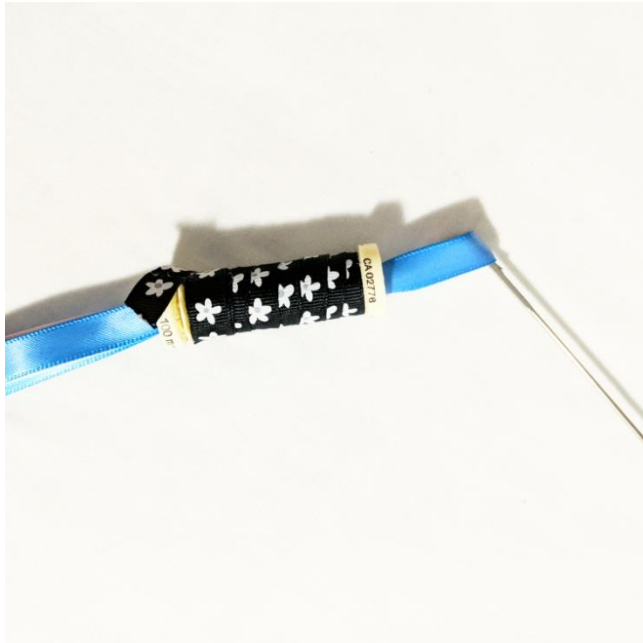
14. Insert your hook into your thread spool, going in from the top coming out the bottom.



15. Hook the ribbon onto the hook.



16. Carefully, pull the ribbon up through the spool. Hold the loose ends of the ribbons, so they don't get twisted. Stop when there's a loop coming out the top.



17. Place the key ring on the loop.



18. Find the length you like the ribbon and key ring sticking up out the top and then tie a knot at the bottom.



19. Pull the ribbons so the key ring is right against the top of the spool. Then place some glue at the bottom of the spool and pull the key ring back up. This helps hold the knot right against the bottom so nothing shifts.



20. Cut your ribbons, on an angle, to the length you like.



21. Heat seal the ends of all the ribbons to prevent them from fraying.



And you're done.



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