

Ribbon Rings

Materials:

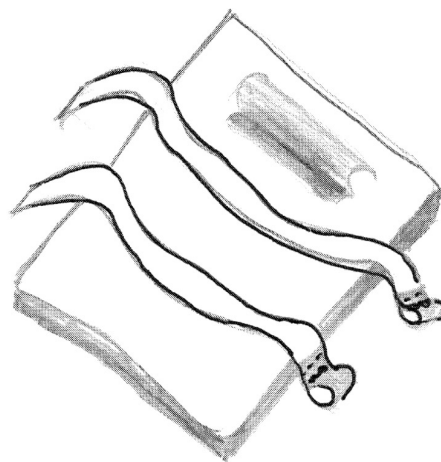
- Branch rings (as for Garlands) - one per child
- Lengths of different colored ribbons about 24" long and 2" wide
- Sticks 18" long by 1/2" diameter
- Crafts Boards (as shown on page 43)
- Safety pins, pre-pinned as shown



Directions:

1. Cut ribbon lengths of about 24"
2. This can be done using either the knot method or the pocket method (depending on sewing skill and need for practice) - the knot method is faster but not as pretty.

- a. **Knot Method:** Thread 5 – 7 lengths of ribbon into the twig rings, and tie in place.
- b. **Pocket Method:** begin with an open Ribbon Ring (twisted vines that are not yet joined into a circle). Fold over the end of each ribbon and sew a little pocket that the ring can be threaded through.



- c. Don't try to sew the ribbons with the ring inside; this is too many things for the children to keep track of. Use the crafts board for stitching: tack or clip the fabric to the board such that the end being sewn hangs over an edge freely;

- d. After all the ribbons are stitched, take the open ring and thread it through the "ribbon pockets;"



3. The children can either hold the ring, or they can poke the stick through loops on opposite sides of the rings and hold the stick to run with the ribbons higher in the air - either way running and catching the wind with their streamers,.

