

Valentine's Day Craft: Flower Napkin Rings

These lovely Valentine's napkin rings would be perfectly matched with simple scrapbook paper place mats.



Step 1: What you will need

Here are the items you will need to get started:

- Scissors
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pen/pencil
- Two pieces of solid color cardstock
- Two pieces of matching patterned scrapbook paper
- An ink pad of your color choice
- A sponge, or something to rub the ink with
- Two different colored ribbons of your choice



Step 2: Cut your paper

Cut the darkest color to a 9 x 2.5 inch strip, and the lighter color to 9 x 1.5 inches.



Step 3: Create a single band

The Napkin Ring base involves the two cardstock pieces that you just cut. Take your sponge, and after inking it, distress the edges of your smaller piece of cardstock to make it pop, and then after applying glue to the back, adhere it to the middle of your larger piece, creating a single band as shown.



Step 4: Mark your band

Take your pen or pencil and mark your band at several points. This is where we will make slits to weave ribbon through. For mine, I made marks one inch from each end, and then 1.5 inches in from those marks, and then one final inch from those. Once the marks are in place, cut in slits that are long enough to thread your ribbon through.



Step 5: Cut your ribbon

Cut two lengths of one of your ribbons – one to 15 inches, and one to 20 inches. With your other colored ribbon, cut one length of 20 inches.



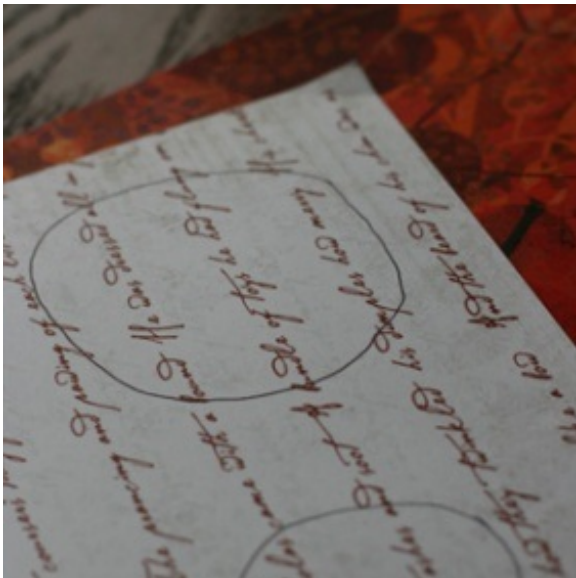
Step 6: Weave the ribbon

Weave the 15-inch length of ribbon in and out of the slits you just cut in the cardstock band.



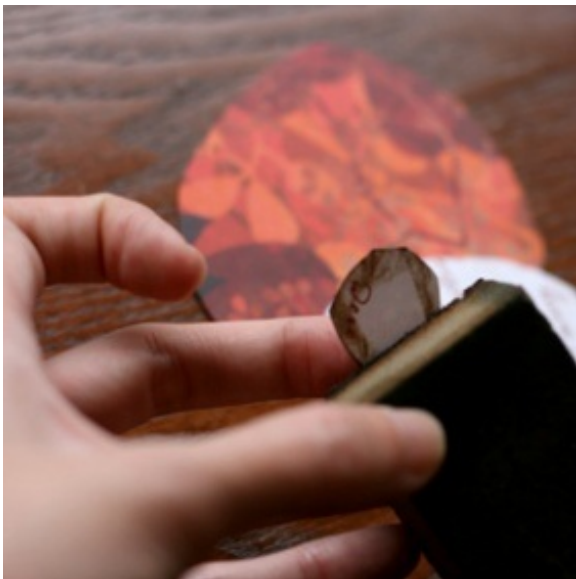
Step 7: Fold your ribbon into a V shape

Fold one of your 20-inch ribbons into a V shape near the center, but make sure that one side is slightly longer than the other. Then from there, cross one of the sides over the other, and then the other over that, and continue. Refer to this [diagrammed tutorial](#) for step-by-step instructions. Make sure to tie the two ends together when finished so that the roses don't come undone. Repeat with the second 20-inch ribbon.



Step 8: Cut three circles

Next, cut three circles (no need for them to be perfect, no flower is a perfect circle!) out of your two patterned scrapbook papers, each one a little smaller than the previous. You should end up with 6 paper circles like these shown.



Step 9: Ink the edges of each circle

Ink the edges of each circle and then glue them to each other, with the largest circle being the base, and the smallest being the top. Alternate the paper patterns. Once glued together, cut in the center a slit long enough for your ribbons to fit through.



Step 10: Thread the loose ribbons

Thread the loose ribbons from the back of your roses through the front of your paper posie so that the ribbon roses are on top.



Step 11: Tie the rose ribbon ends

Tie the rose ribbon ends around the middle part of the ribbon threaded through your napkin ring band. This will finish off your napkin ring. To attach to your napkin – wrap the band around a rolled up napkin and tie at the back with the loose ribbon on the sides of the band. This will add a nice handmade touch to your Valentine's Table!