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The no-sew bow tie

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Here at Sir, we know you want to look good on—and off—campus. And that means wearing clothes that are comfortable, affordable and that make you look your best, always. Don’t DIY? This simple sartorial step-by-step will give you that sometimes-wardrobe staple that’s easy to wear and will make you stand out in the best way. Sure, we obviously approve of the bow tie making a comeback in menswear (our style friends told us so). But if you’re part of the 47 percent and can’t
purchase a new one (that was a joke there), don’t know how to sew, or don’t want to, ever — we have a solution for you. How about crafting like a man and creating this no-sew bow tie with your bare hands? Not only is it a fraction of the cost, only minimal experience is needed. Plus, gift this for the upcoming holidays for your friend, boyfriend, girlfriend, dad, mom, cat, dog, cat/dog or fish. Or, just make it to stare at and take some cool pictures for your Instagram friends. (Hey, a single guy’s gotta start somewhere!)

What You’ll Need

- 10x2 ¾ inches of interfacing (for shape) (Find it at a fabric store.)
- 11x4 ¾ inches of material
- 4x1-inch strip of same material
- Bow tie clip (Get these on Etsy.com, a crafting store or from an old bow tie)
- Glue Stick (or fabric glue)
- Rubber band
- Iron
- Scissors
- Marker
- Ruler

1. Flip your material to the back side and cut/measure out the needed pieces.
2 Center your interfacing onto the 11x4 ¾-strip of material and fold hot dog-style. (It sounds dumb, but it’s easier to understand, isn’t it!) Fold the left and right edges of the fabric in over the interfacing by a ½-inch and iron. Fold down the top and bottom flaps of fabric so that both flaps meet in the folded middle of the interfacing and iron the flaps down.

3 Fold the now 10x2 ¾-inch rectangle in half hamburger-style and iron it down. Make sure the center crease isn’t showing on the outside.
4. Pinch the middle of your folded piece to create the bow tie shape.

5. To keep the shape, tighten a rubber band around the middle.

6. Take the bow tie clip and slip it in underneath the rubber band. Make sure the rubber band is snug enough to keep the clip in place.
7 Take the skinny piece of material and iron the edges, length-wise. Glue the top and bottom edges of the material and wrap it around the bow tie clip. Make sure the glued end hits the back of the bow tie for a cleaner look.

8 ADJUST BOW TIE AS NEEDED.