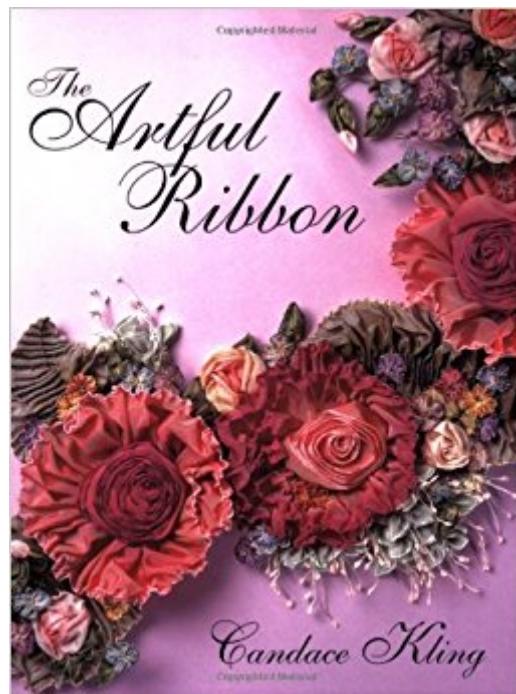


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# The Artful Ribbon: Ribbon Flowers



## **Synopsis**

Replete with demonstrations of how to make lush flowers from ribbon, turning shimmering silks into bouquets of roses, pansies, berries, buds, stems, and tendril twists.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

When viewing the magnificent floral forms that Candace Kling creates, it's sometimes hard to believe that they are actually pleated, gathered, ruched, and twisted ribbons--not the real thing. Her gorgeous ribbon flowers appear to be extremely intricate and complicated, but her extensive directions and diagrams take the mystery out of recreating everything from roses to pansies to poppies to daffodils. After nearly two decades of researching antique ribbon work, her knowledge of vintage pieces is evident in much of her work and in her finely tuned sense of color. The many photos of vintage ribbon-work flowers, not to mention those of her own artistry, are themselves worth the price of the book.

In years past, ladies' bonnets and other accessories were adorned with delicate flowers made from silk ribbon. With the decline in popularity of fancy trimmings, the art of making these flowers was almost lost. However, here is everything the ribbon-flower crafter needs to know about using modern materials in an old-fashioned way. Full-color photographs and diagrams describe materials, techniques, and finished products. Many products of collector's items from the 1920s as well as modern examples are included. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I purchased this book used and am very pleased. Ms. Kling's writing is lovely and inspirational. Her instructions and diagrams are very clear, and the photos of vintage creations definitely get my creative juices flowing. Anyone who appreciates ribbon-work as an art form will enjoy the book immensely.

This is the first time I've tried ribbon work and had no difficulty following the directions. It was so easy to understand what to do, and how to do the flowers. Mine all came out lovely at the end! The illustrations are beautiful and inspiring and there are no set projects and directions as to which color/size of ribbon to use and how to put your finished flowers together, it will really work your imagination and creativity - I really like that aspect of the book! I also like her Ribbon Width formula (RW) better than if I was given a specific width of ribbon, because I can use any ribbon from my stash to make flowers out of. There's nothing to stand in the way of your imagination here, yet you'll get enough guidance as a beginner to know what to do, what supplies to buy and what they look like! The only thing I had to research on the internet is the type of ribbons and where to buy them from (she has a list of suppliers at the back of the book but they are all mailing addresses, no websites because the book came out in 1996). It took only a short time to find suppliers on the net who sell a variety of good quality ribbons like Soft Edge: silk, velvet, pleated and hand dyed ribbons and Wire Edge: rayons in variegated, ombre, organdy. But this was only a small inconvenience. I was sorry to see this book is out of print - buy a used copy like I did, you won't regret it!

Beautiful book. So much eye candy here. Instructions are clear and the pictures are wonderful.

The Artful Ribbon illustrates ribbon work techniques that are outside of the range of traditional silk ribbon embroidery. The introduction notes that workers mixed ribbon embroidery with other ribbon work and some of the samples photographed have some ribbon embroidery, but concentrates on ribbon work techniques that supplement embroidery techniques. The organization and photography is amazing as is the list of materials and tools. Any reader with basic sewing knowledge could follow the instructions and duplicate these flowers. The author also has a metric for measuring the ribbon that accounts for all widths of ribbon and this is a very nice feature that can be carried over into other techniques. The flowers are lovely and the techniques well photographed and well described. A great additional resource for the ribbon enthusiast. Another book will be needed for ribbon embroidery techniques, but this book covers everything else in detail. Marvelous and recommended for the ribbon, doll and vintage clothing enthusiast.

Love the book.

If you want a great all around "manual" for ribbonwork (not ribbon embroidery) this is it. It provides clear instructions that are the basics to build into your own projects. Every aspect from collecting ribbon, identifying ribbon, and basic flower construction is simply and beautifully presented. Well worth the money!

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Fabulous step by step instructions for creating beautiful vintage style flowers from ribbon, perfect for adorning anything from hats to clothing to household items. I made some gorgeous roses for a hat I wore to a Downton Abbey inspired Edwardian garden party.

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