

Ribbon Prayer Crosses

Preparation; you will need

7 gauge plastic canvas

2metres 1/8inch ribbon of your colour choice

Scissors

Cut out the cross shape as below 21 x 15

To Make the cross;

Leave 2" of ribbon spare at the top [to make the hanging loop], then starting from the back

bring the ribbon through to the front through #1 hole, then through to the back through #2 hole, through to the front through #3 hole, continue to #21 hole.

To make the cross over in the centre take the ribbon from 21 to the lower right of the centre marked a on the diagram, wrap the ribbon around the cross, a-b-c-d-a pulling tight to gather all the ribbon together [see photo], then back up to #1.

Tie this end of the ribbon and the piece left at the start together in a knot. Make a hanging loop or finish with beads as in the photo.

These simple crosses also make great book-marks – leave a longer ribbon to go inside the book so that the cross hangs outside the pages.

Hang some from an Easter Tree as ornaments.

Tie one to the bow of a baptism gift.

Attach to a key ring, or keep in your pocket or purse.

They can be Sunday school crafts for those who are old enough to handle scissors.

