

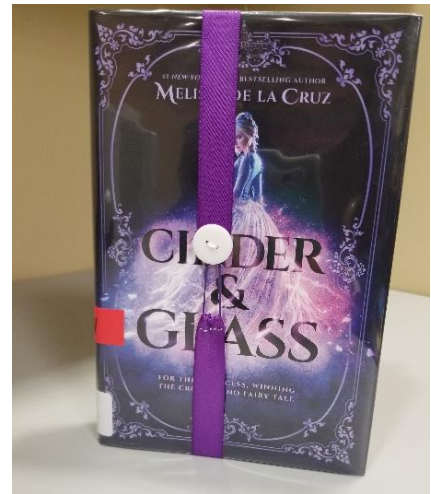
Ribbon Bookmark

Mark your place with this handy ribbon bookmark. It just takes some simple sewing to create (Amy is not an experienced sewer and was able to easily make this bookmark). At the end of these instructions are some links to videos about sewing that may be helpful, in addition to our tutorial video on the CLPL YouTube Channel.

Supplies

- Decorative ribbon, at least ½” wide and about 18” long
- Elastic hair band
- Needle & thread and/or sewing machine
- Button with 2-4 holes

Note: If you do not have or know how to use a sewing machine, you can still do this craft. In the [demonstration video](#), Amy will be hand stitching the bookmarks.



Instructions

1. Take your piece of ribbon (18” long) and fold one end of the ribbon over ¼”. Fold over a second time. Make sure to fold over a second time and then stitch across the end. This prevents the ribbon from fraying and falling apart. You can either use a sewing machine or hand stitch.
 - a. To hand stitch, thread your needle and pull the thread until the needle is in the middle and you have the two ends of the thread together. Tie a knot at the end of the thread by wrapping the thread around your finger and pulling the thread through.
 - b. Push the needle through close to the edge of the ribbon, so that the knot you tied is on the same side as the fold. We are going to seal the stitching on this side. To do this, push the needle towards the top of the ribbon, creating a loop around the side of the ribbon. Put the needle through the loop and pull until the thread creates a knot. Do this 2x.
 - c. To continue stitching, push the needle down through the ribbon, about ¼ in from where you pushed the needle through before. Continue pushing the needle back and forth through the ribbon, creating ¼ inch stitches, until you get to the other side.
 - d. To seal the stitching, push the needle through the top of the ribbon, creating a loop around the side of the ribbon. Put the needle through the loop and pull until the thread creates a knot. Do this twice more to seal it in. Cut the thread close to the knot and trim any excess thread.
2. Take your elastic hair band and place it on the other end of the ribbon. Fold the ribbon ¼” over the elastic hair band twice and stitch across the end so the elastic hair band is

secured by the ribbon. The folds should be on the same side of the ribbon as the folds you made at the other end. Again, you can either use a sewing machine or hand stitch (refer to instructions above).

3. Next, attach your button to the end of the ribbon that doesn't have the elastic band.
 - a. Sewing on a button is similar to hand stitching. Start with threading the needle, same as before and knot the end. Place your button on the opposite side of the sewn fold, near the end of the ribbon.
 - b. Then, pull the needle through both the ribbon and a button hole, starting from the ribbon side so that the knot is underneath the button. Next, pull the thread through the opposite buttonhole and push through the ribbon. As you are stitching the button on, hold the button in place so it doesn't move too much.
 - c. If your button has just two holes, continue sewing through the two holes back and forth until you've created 4 or more stitches. End the stitch with the thread coming out on the under ribbon side, so you can tie a knot with the two threads to seal the stitch. Cut off any excess thread.
 - d. For a button that has 4 holes, you'll create an "x" with your stitches by threading the needle diagonally across the buttonholes. Repeat the "x" stitch at least 4 times. You can also test the strength of your sewing by tugging on the button. If it feels loose, sew a couple more stitches to tighten it up.
4. Once you have finished stitching your button, your bookmark is ready for use. Place the ribbon in the book and bring the two ends to the outside of the book. Place the elastic tie over the button and you're all set!

Watch Amy create a bookmark in this video on the CLPL YouTube Channel:

<https://youtu.be/FSF4r-3SUg>

Some helpful videos for learning to hand stitch and sew on a button:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Sew-Straight-by-Hand>

<https://www.wikihow.life/Sew-a-Button>