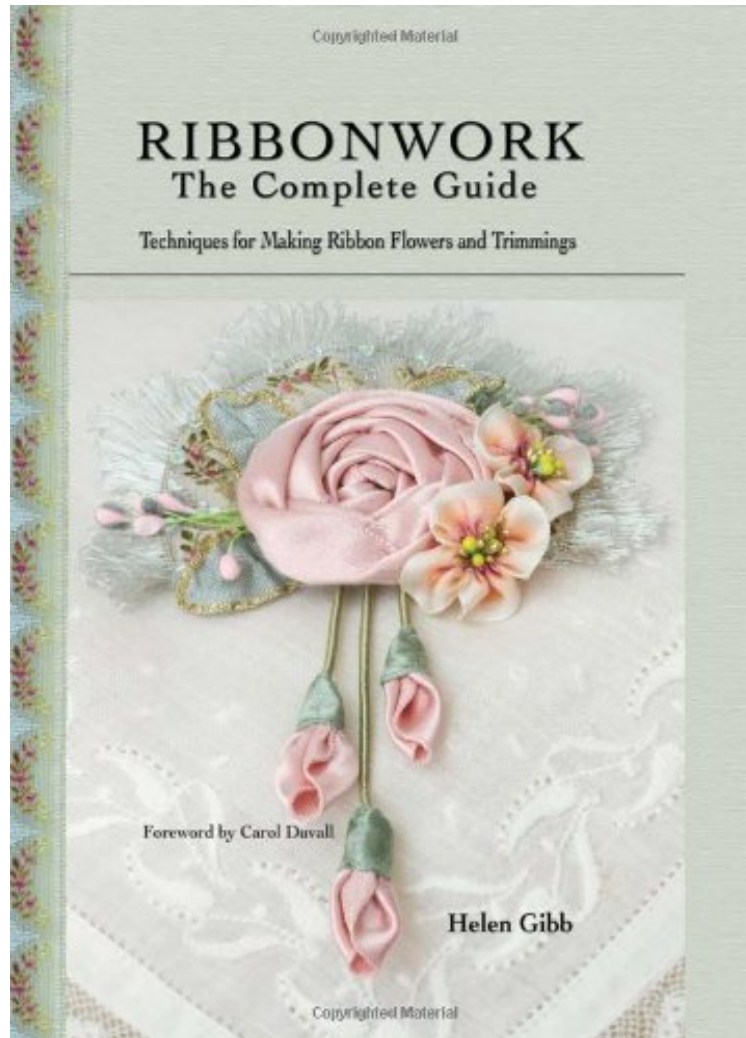


# Ribbonwork: The Complete Guide- Techniques for Making Ribbon Flowers and Trimmings

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**Helen Gibb, Carol Duvall : Ribbonwork: The Complete Guide- Techniques for Making Ribbon Flowers and Trimmings** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ribbonwork: The Complete Guide- Techniques for Making Ribbon Flowers and Trimmings:

84 of 85 people found the following review helpful. Stunning Ribbonwork By jeanneb As a collector of books on needlework, ribbon embroidery and ribbonwork (including several by Helen Gibb), I first look at the projects in photographs. If they appeal to me for inspiration and offer a level of sophistication coupled with great color, quality of media used and good composition, I buy and value the book. Helen's book is a good example of the above. Several of her projects are roses in vases and indeed they are stunning. The combinations of color leap out at me. I am especially

a pushover for pink and green combinations and the folded cabochon rose technique, but the one that was most eye-catching was her "Victorian era color scheme" on page 197. Beautiful indeed! As there are many incredible techniques utilizing ribbons, I must also note that this book is not for the ribbon "embroiderer" per se as Helen's flowers are not formed by embroidery but almost 3 dimensionally raised and "planted" on the surface. As a ribbon aficionado though, I like to combine different techniques in my projects. This book also has good pictorial instruction and directions along with needed supplies so I would altogether recommend this book highly. 38 of 38 people found the following review helpful. A wonderfully illustrated, completely understandable, tutorial. By N. Keck I am completely in love with this book! I have learned to make the most beautiful resemblance of nature's perfect jewel, the flower, from a simple silk ribbon. Some of these perfect little creations look so lifelike it just makes you smile! The author not only provides complete step by step instructions for each bud, leaf, or flower, but pictures of each, as well as some simple and elegant projects to get you started. If you think you may enjoy this craft of old, this is the book for you. The author does encourage us to choose high quality ribbons for your projects, and this I find to be the best advice in my experience so far. Silk ribbons are suggested for many of the flowers. Silks are pricey so shop around for the best price and ask for samples when available. The only negative about this book is the lack of resource suggestions other than the author's own webstore. There are many trim and ribbon stores on the internet that can be located with your favorite search engine. Check the yellow pages to see if you have a trim and fabric store in your own neighborhood as well. Enjoy! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wow! Love this book!! By Internet shopaholic I bought this book as a gift for my sister, and it is hard to give away! I am going to be buying one for myself as well, as this is an easy to follow, comprehensive book. The instructions are clear, even for someone with brainfog days like me. Each design builds on the last, and the ideas for putting it all together are useful, beautiful projects. If I had known that creating such beautiful ribbon work was this easy, I would have started a long time ago. Kudos on the spiral binding- it is so helpful to be able to lay the book flat next to you as you work!

**The Beauty of Ribbonwork** The beauty of ribbonwork cannot be underestimated, as you will soon discover after looking at the sumptuous pages in this book, written by ribbon expert Helen Gibb. This small hardback book with spiral-bound pages is the perfect size for toting to class and setting flat on the table. Enjoy the photos for vintage ribbonwork, learn the techniques for making ribbon flowers and leaves, and be inspired to make the incredibly beautiful projects. Using the detailed step-by-step instructions, diagrams, and photos, you'll soon be on your way to making ribbon flower compositions for use on your hats, albums, pillows, dolls, crazy patch, and quilting projects.