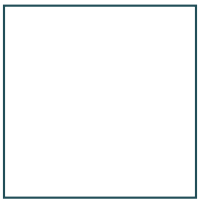
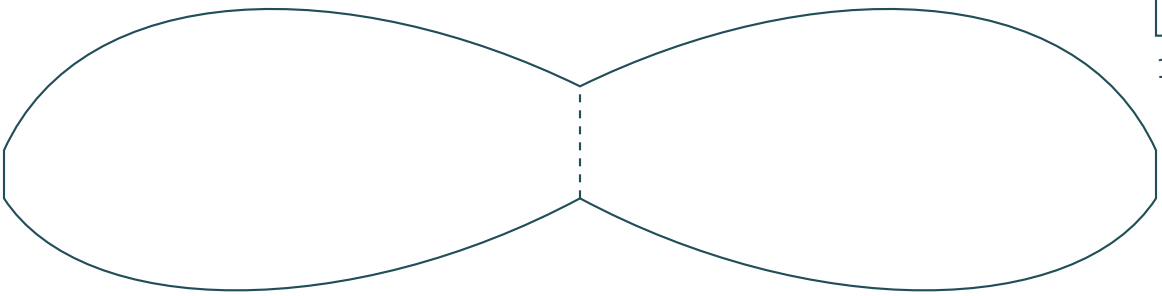
A simple paper bow

Print on US Letter at 100% / actual size. Do not use fit-to-page.
Measure the square below before cutting. Thin craft paper folds more easily than card.
Cut one of each shape. Solid lines = cut. Dotted line = center guide, do not cut.



1 inch / 25.4 mm

1 LOOP STRIP / 6 inches wide



Bring both ends to the center guide on the reverse. Keep the curves rounded.

2 TAIL BASE / 3.5 inches wide



3 CENTER BAND



2 inches x 3/8 inch

Assemble in four small steps

1. Cut the three pieces. Keep the patterned side facing outward.
2. Turn the loop strip over. Glue each end to the reverse of its center guide.
3. Glue the rounded loops onto the middle of the tail base.
4. Wrap the center band around both pieces. Glue on the back and trim any excess.

Finished check: two rounded loops, visible tails, and a secure center band.
Let the adhesive dry before attaching to a gift. For a flatter bow, gently lower the loops without making a sharp crease. Adults should supervise children using scissors.