

Basic sinamay fascinator workshop - how to guide

1. Fold sinamay in half and cut off the strip at the end



2. Fold the strip on its self twice to make a smaller rectangle and cut out a circular/oval base. Using a blanket stitch, attach a length of wire along the edge and cover with millinery ribbon



3. Attach the comb to the base. Don't worry too much about your stitches as you will hide the stitches anyway, just keep going through the teeth and back through.
4. Going back to your sinamay, fold the triangle open to make a square, cut down the fold line and experiment. Pleat the sinamay, scrunch it, cut it into smaller triangles. Pin it onto the base and see what it looks like. Once you are happy, roll any edge that is visible to hide the raw edge.

5. You could mix twists and loops with the freeform nature to make something different



6. Pin the pieces into place and attach to the base with some simple stitches.

7. To attach the feathers, dip the ends in some PVA glue (or hot gun glue) and hide the end of the feather in the folds of the sinamay. Trim or strip the feather to give a different look

