

## RIBBON PLUMERIA LEI

## SUPPLIES \& TOOLS

- 18 yards* of 7/8-in. Satin Ribbon - White
- 18 yards* of $7 / 8$-in. Satin Ribbon - Yellow
- 18 yards* of $3 / 16$-in. Picot Edge Satin Ribbon - Light Gold
- Upholstery or Button Hole Thread
- Sewing Needle
- Scissors

Optional - Wood Spring Clothespin
NOTE: As a measurement guide for how much ribbon you will need for a lei, on average 1 yard of ribbon yields approximately 2 -inches of finished lei. Based on this, you'll need a minimum of 18 yards for a 36 -inch lei or 21 yards for a 42 -inch lei.

You can use other colors of ribbon and color combinations. You can also use the wider 3/8-in. picot edge ribbon if you prefer.


## INSTRUCTIONS



1. Thread the Needle - Measure out your thread to the length that you want your lei. On average, lei would be $36-\mathrm{in}$. to $42-\mathrm{in}$. long.

Add 6 more inches to the length for tying. Now, double the length of thread.

Thread your needle. Match the ends of the thread and tie together in a knot about 3-inches from the end.

Optional - to keep the thread manageable as you sew your lei, you can clip the knotted end of the thread to a wooden clothespin and wind the length of thread around. Leave about 12 -inches free to start. Unwind the thread as needed.

2. The 7/8-in. Satin ribbon is single face, meaning it is shiny on one side only.

Place the two colors of $7 / 8$-in. ribbon together with the shiny sides facing out.

Lay the $3 / 16-\mathrm{in}$. picot edge satin ribbon on top of the $7 / 8-i n$. ribbon, lining up with the edge.

3. You will use the loops on the picot edged ribbon for counting and spacing apart your stitches.

You will start sewing from about an inch away from the ends of the ribbon stack. Pierce the needle from below the ribbon stack. Come up in the center of the picot edged ribbon and lined up with one loop.

4. Count 3 more loops and then pierce the needle back down in the center of the ribbon at the 4th loop.

5. Count 3 more loops then bring the needle up through the ribbons at the 4th loop.

Continue steps 4 and 5 , sewing a running stitch through the ribbons.

As you sew, carefully push the sewn ribbons down onto the thread.

6. Shape the lei - as you push the sewn ribbons down the thread; start to carefully arrange the ribbon ruffles to spiral.

7. When you are finished sewing the length of the lei, continue to shape the spiral of the lei.

Bring the end threads and tie together securely. Cut off excess thread and ribbon

8. Add a ribbon bow over the knotted ends

