Ribbon-tied place settings with one sprig of greenery

Tie one trial ribbon around a folded napkin, measure what the knot or bow actually used, then multiply by the number of place settings before cutting the rest. The worksheet records the trial length, the number of settings and the total ribbon needed.

What you need

- Napkins, folded as they will sit beside the plates
- Ribbon you own, or a ribbon selected after checking its length and width
- String or a paper strip, and a ruler or tape measure
- Sharp scissors
- One small sprig of greenery per setting (optional)

Steps

1. Measure around one folded napkin
Fold one napkin exactly as it will sit beside the plate. Wrap string or a paper strip once around the middle, mark where it meets, and measure that length in inches. Write it on the sheet as the circumference.

2. Tie a single trial ribbon
Cut one generous trial piece, such as the circumference plus 12 in, and tie the knot or bow you want without crushing the fold. Mark where the ribbon ends after trimming the tails to the length you like, untie it and measure from end to end. That is your trial length. A bow uses more ribbon than a single knot.

3. Multiply before you cut the rest
Total ribbon = trial length × (number of settings + 1 spare). Divide inches by 36 to get yards and compare with the amount you have or the current product's listed length. Cut the remaining pieces only after the trial setting looks right on the table.

4. Tuck in one sprig, away from food
Place the folded napkin beside the plate, away from food. Slide one clean decorative sprig under the knot on the outside of the napkin, or leave the sprig out. Keep it away from food and candles, and remove it before anyone uses the napkin.

Tips

- Cut ribbon ends at an angle with sharp scissors. Satin can slip, so try a double knot on the trial napkin if a single knot loosens.
- Ribbon and sprigs are decoration only: keep them off food, away from candle flames and out of reach of small children and pets.
- The worksheet is free and works with ribbon you already own. The optional Amazon link is an affiliate link; napkins, plates and greenery are not included with the ribbon.

Full guide: https://figurenook.com/guides/ribbon-tied-place-settings-with-one-sprig-of-greenery/

Your worksheet

Trial napkin

Napkin fold used _____

Circumference around the folded napkin (in) _____

Knot or bow style _____

Trial length used, including tails (in) _____

Ribbon for the whole table

Number of place settings _____

Total ribbon = trial length × (settings + 1 spare) (in) _____

Total in yards (in ÷ 36) _____

Ribbon on hand (yd) _____

Enough ribbon on hand? ☐ Yes ☐ No, buy more

Sprig on each setting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sketch the knot and where the sprig sits

About this sheet

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