

Grooms: How to Tie a Bow Tie

Tying a bow tie isn't as hard as it seems. You've managed to make it this far in life, so you'll be able to handle tying that knot -- no pun intended. In a nutshell, tying a bow tie is just like tying your shoe laces. Here's our step-by-step guide.



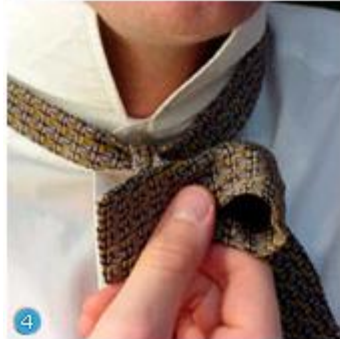
1 Put the tie around your neck so that end "A" (or your left) is longer than end "B" (photo 1).



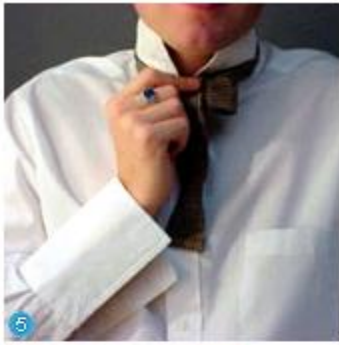
2 Cross end "A" over the top of "B" (photo 2).



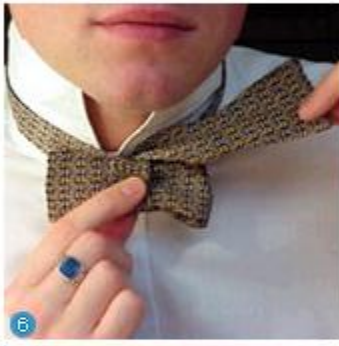
3 Pull end "A" up and behind end "B" (photo 3).



4 Create a loop with end "B" (photo 4). This will be half your bow.



5 Next, let end "A" hang in front of the loop you just formed (photo 5).



6 Hold everything in place, pulling end "A" behind the tie from below (photo 6), then folding it in half to create the other side of the bow. Poke this loop through the space behind loop "B."



7 Voila! You've tied the tie (photo 7). If it looks funny or bedraggled, adjust the tie by tugging at its ends and straightening the center knot.

One last tip: If you simply can't tie your tie, pray that someone has a pre-tied bow tie, or go buy one yourself. Just clasp it at the back of your neck and set off down the aisle!