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TUTORIAL: "STRINGING A BOW" BY: STEVE P.



This tutorial will give you a few ways on how to string a miniature's bow or crossbow. These different techniques will help to achieve this added extra detail for your miniatures. Some methods will work only on certain miniatures due to the way the miniature was sculpted.

FYI - All three of the below methods requires glue to hold the bow string in place.

As you can see on the miniature's bow that I can't tie or wrap the thread around the bottom end due to the way he was sculpted. So I'll have to go with the "Hardest Method".

1) EASY METHOD...

If both ends are open, this is one method. Wrapping the thread around the ends of the bow several times and glue.

2) MODERATE METHOD...

Tie the thread to the ends of the bow. if both ends are open for this and glue.

3) HARDEST METHOD...

Place the ends of the thread onto the ends of the bow and glue.

TOOLS NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT...

- 1) A tool for maneuvering the bow string around such as a hobby knife, a needle or pin, pointy sculpting tool, etc...
- 2) Super Glue, I prefer Pacers "Zap-A-Gap" glue. Best glue for metal miniatures in my opinion.
- 3) Scissors for cutting the the thread/bow string down to size.
- 4) Sewing thread, for this you can use different colors but I prefer white so it stands out a little better but you could use a tan or other color. Also use a cloth based thread not a sythetic type such as fishing twine.

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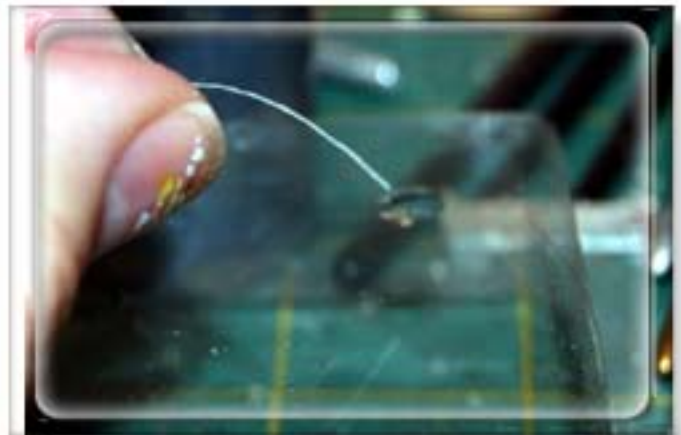
Next I'll take my glue and put a drop of it on the front side of the clam shell scrap. The reason for using an old clam shell is that the glue doesn't seem to dry as fast on this... could just be me but it's always worked good, probably because of it's smooth surface.

Now take your piece of thread and dip one end of it in the glue. Use your tool to position the bow string on the top part of the bow. Make sure the end is not frayed, otherwise cut it off for a clean string end.



This is a tool I made quickly by taking a needle and cutting the top off. Then I put it in my pin vise... instant tool. With this I'll have a better grip on the pin. I'll use this to move the bow string around while I'm attaching it to the bow. You can also use a hobby knife or a needle by itself.

Next I'll take my scissors and I'll cut off a length of sewing thread. Make sure to always cut off extra length of this to ensure you have extra to work with since you'll be cutting it down to size.



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Let the top part dry then lightly pull the string tight to the bottom, but don't pull to hard and pull the top off. Pull the string with one hand and hold it in place with the tool in the other hand. Next take your scissors and cut the string down to the correct length. Now take the tip of your tool and dip it in the Super Glue and dab it onto the bottom end of the bow. Wipe the tool off so there is no more glue on it and use your tool to position the bottom end of the bow string. Once it's in place let it dry. You can use your tool to dab a little more glue on both ends to make sure they're secure once the first part dries.

That's it, now you have an extra element of detail that will really make your miniature stand out on the gaming table.



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HERE IS THE FINISHED ELF RANGER MINIATURE WITH HIS EXTRA ADDED BOW STRING DETAIL. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS TUTORIAL, THANKS FOR READING THIS TUTORIAL.

