

Bridal Party Gifts

Bridesmaids and groomsmen share not only in the joy and excitement of the wedding day, but also in some of its stresses and anxieties. As Weddings editor Darcy Miller points out, you can let your bridal party know just how much you appreciate their help and support by choosing the perfect gifts. Groomsmen might appreciate a day of golf, which you can present with a bag of tees and a homemade coupon indicating the tee time you've reserved for them. Another idea is to attach a pair of cuff links to a card-stock sleeve, then tuck in something many groomsmen find they need: instructions on how to tie a bow tie.

You can surprise your bridesmaids by presenting each with a monogrammed purse or jewelry tucked inside an ultrasuede pouch. A day at the spa also makes a lovely gift; simply affix the spa coupon to a pair of rubber slippers. Darcy's other ideas include a yoga lesson, announced with a rolled-up yoga mat and a homemade coupon; silk pocket squares monogrammed with the initials of each groomsman; special blank paper with a personalized rubber stamp (the person's name, address, or an attractive design); and small buckets filled with candy, popcorn, and movie tickets for children who act as flower girls or ring bearers.

Materials and Technique:

Bow Tie Instructions (template follows)

Cuff Links Gift Tag (template follows)

Spa Gift Tag (template follows)

Yoga Gift Tag (template follows)

Movie Gift Tag (template follows)

Golf Gift Tag (template follows)

Sources:

Monogrammed purses, pocket squares, and silk hand clutch
Simple Silhouettes
547 Broadway, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10012
212-219-2223
www.simplesilhouettes.com

Monogrammed pocket squares and silk pocket square
Paul Stuart
212-682-0320
www.paulstuart.com

Monogrammed pocket squares and silk pocket square
Reliable Alterations and Shoe Repair
270 West 39th Street
New York, NY 10018
212-869-0295

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Stationery

Kate's Paperie
212-941-9816 or 888-941-9169
www.katespaperie.com

Custom stamp

Stampworx 2000
800-998-7826
www.stampworx2000.biz

Colorbox stamp pads

Pedigree Press
www.pedigreepress.com

Ceramic popcorn bowl

Crate and Barrel
www.crateandbarrel.com

Popcorn box

Yukon Unlimited
115 Industrial Loop
Staten Island, NY 10309
718-227-9610

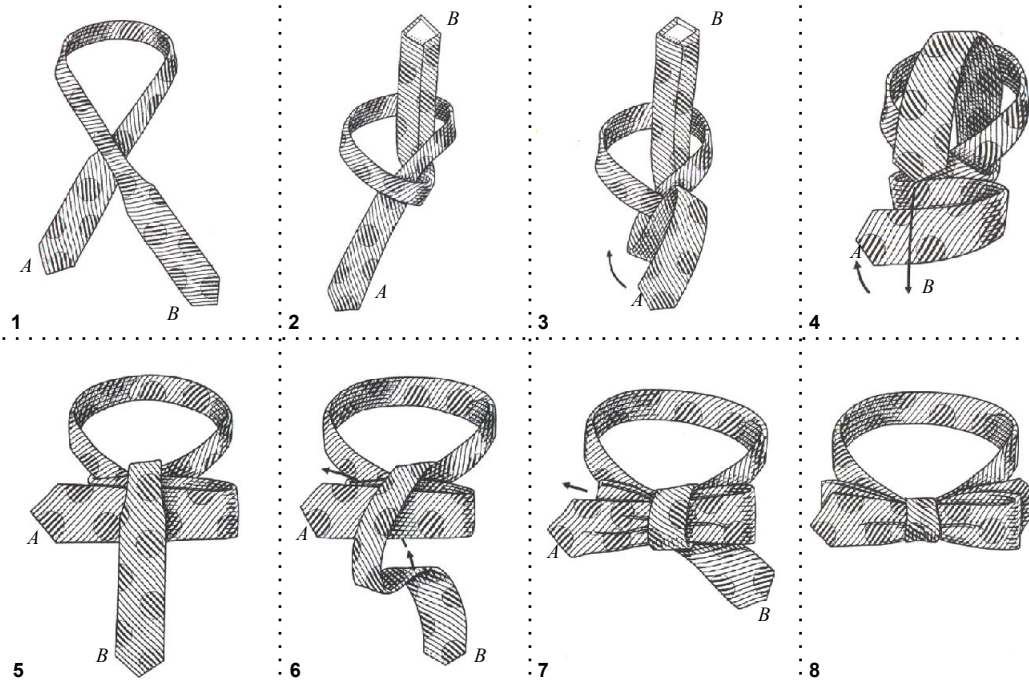
Card stock

Serendipity
516-627-3114

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HOW TO TIE A BOW TIE



1. Run the tie through your collar, pulling out more of the right side (*B*) than the left (*A*); pull *B* over *A*.

2. Pull *B* up and under the point at which *A* and *B* cross.

3. Holding the crossed point in place with your left hand, form *A* into an S shape, and turn it upward, so that it is parallel with the floor.

4. Bring *B* out and over the S-shaped *A*.

5. Bring *B* down until there is very little slack in back, and center *A* at the point of the first cross, keeping it in the shape of a long U.

6. Fold *B* beginning just below the bottom edge of *A*, and bring the folded edge through the gap in the center of the knot.

7. Pull *B* outward, at the fold, in the direction of the arrow.

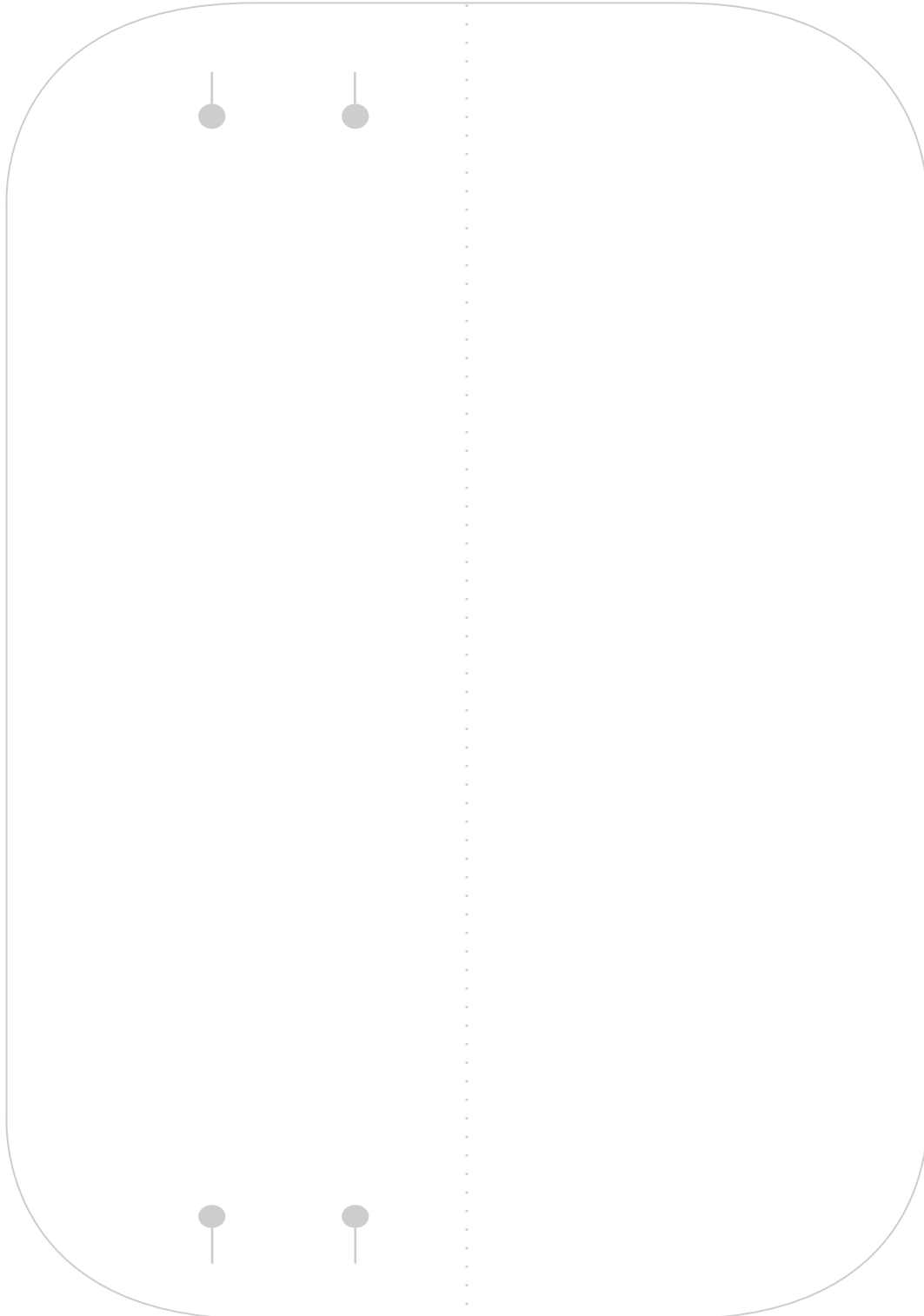
8. Adjust the length. The distance between the two ends of the tie should equal the distance between the outer corners of the eyes or the outside edges of the collar.

PAPER SHIRT CUFF

TEMPLATE

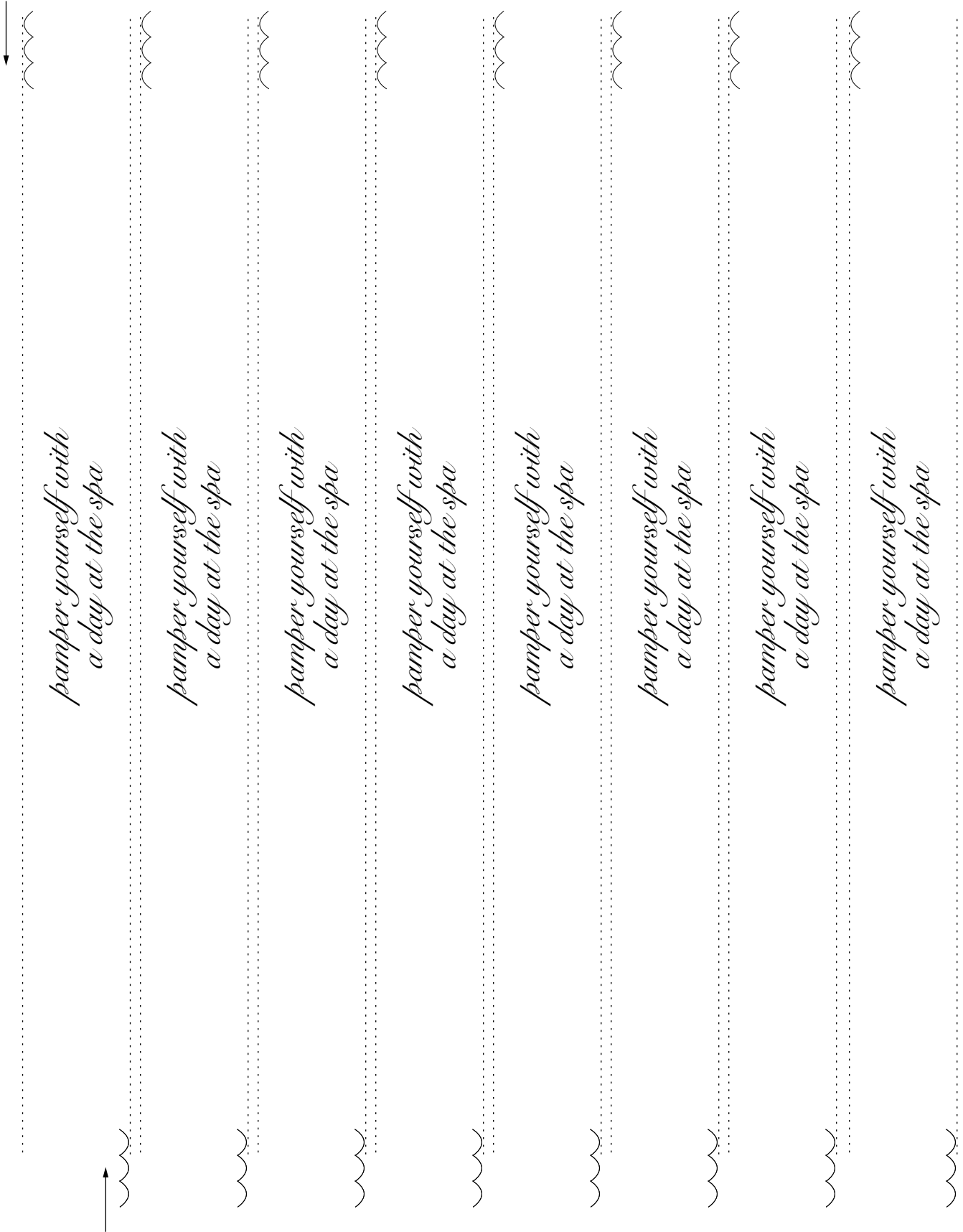
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Cut out shape, and fold along dotted line, with the printed side out.
Punch holes using both a circle punch and a rectangular punch as indicated on template.
Unfold, and fold again, this time with the printed side in.
Curl into a cuff by matching the ends together, and secure by inserting a pair of cuff links.



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