

The Beadery® Pop Tab Frame

Here is a unique picture frame design using plastic Pop Tabs from The Beadery®. To simplify the instructions, we are using only two Pop Tab colors, but you can change the colors to match your school or team colors.

Materials needed:

34	Beadery Pop Tabs	Pink
38	Beadery Pop Tabs	Orange
88" (2.25 m)	¼" Ribbon	Black
1	8" x 10" Photo Mat (with 4½" x 6½" hole)	White



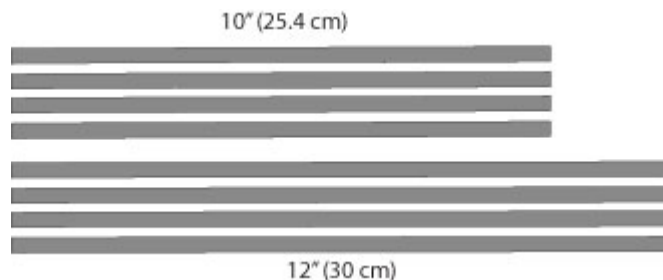
Other items and tools needed:

Ruler, Scissors, Hot Glue Gun

Instructions:

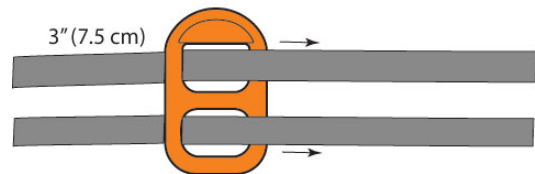
Step 1: Cut the ribbon into four 12" (30 cm) pieces and four 10" (25.4 cm) pieces.

Note: These lengths and counts are for an 8" x 10" picture mat with a 4½" x 6½" hole. You will need to adjust the amounts if you are using a different size mat.

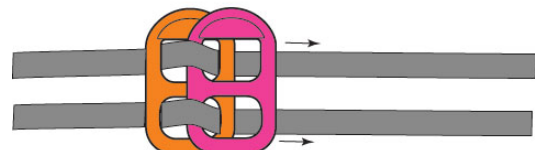


Step 2: Run a 12" (30 cm) piece of ribbon up through each of the holes in one of the orange Pop Tabs. Leave about 3" (7.6 cm) of ribbon on the end.

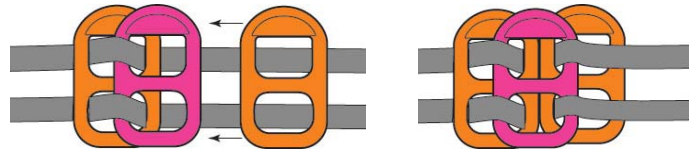
Note: We are using orange and pink Pop Tabs to simplify the instructions, but you can use any colors you like to match your school or team colors.



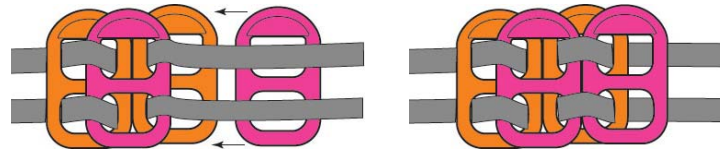
Step 3: Place a pink tab half way on top of the orange tab and run the ribbon down through both tabs.



Step 4: Slide another orange tab up to the previous orange tab between the pink tab and the ribbon. Run the ribbon up through the orange and pink tabs.

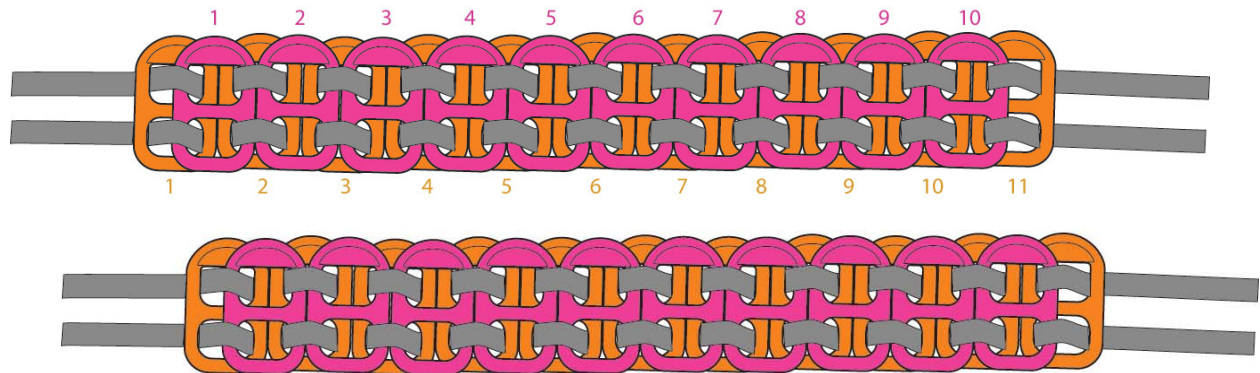


Step 5: Place a pink tab between the ribbon and the orange tab and slide it up next to the previous pink tab. Run the ribbon down through the holes in both tabs.

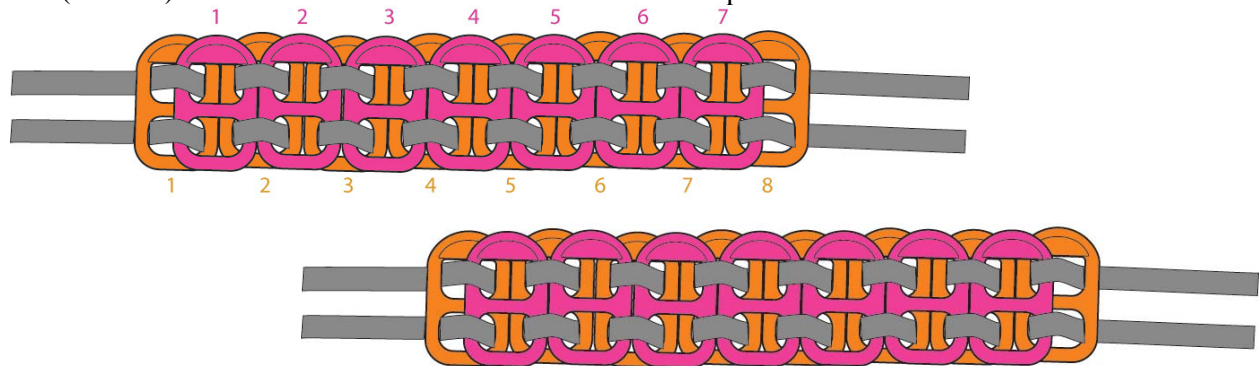


Step 6: Continue adding tabs in your color pattern until you have a strip of 11 bottom tabs and 10 top tabs.

Step 7: Repeat Steps 2-6 to create a second strip of tabs for the other long side of the picture frame.



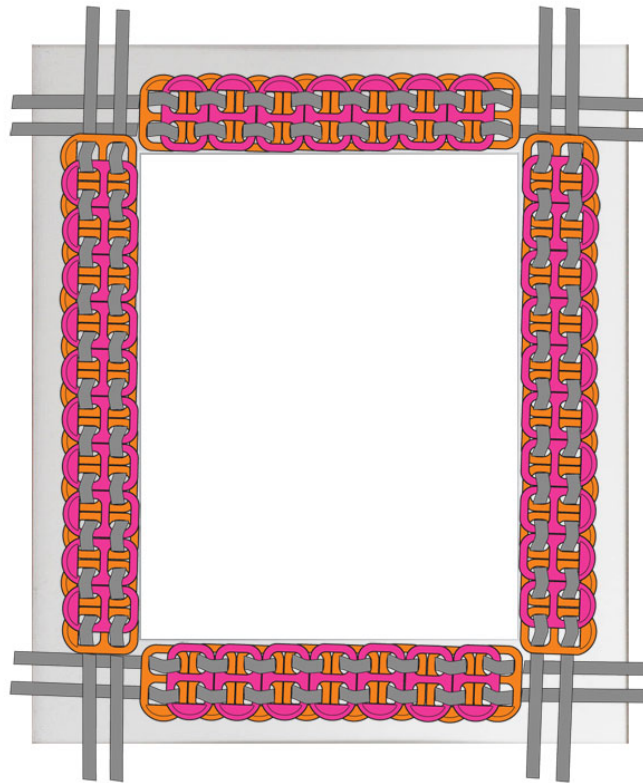
Step 8: Repeat Steps 2-6 to create two strips for the short sides of the picture frame. These will use the 10" (25.4 cm) ribbons and be made of 8 bottom tabs and 7 top tabs.



Step 9: Align the Pop Tab strips to the edge of the photo mat to make sure they are the correct size.

Step 10: Apply glue to the ribbon on the back side of the tab strips and press firmly to the photo mat to attach.

Note: Do not apply glue to the ribbon ends. They will need to be free for the next step.



Step 11: Create decorative corners with the ribbon by making a simple basket weave.

Step 12: Fold the excess ribbon around to the back side of the photo mat and secure with glue.

Step 13: To add the picture, simply tape it to the back side of the photo mat.

Note: To display your photo, you can add magnets to the back side of the mat and attach it to a refrigerator or put it in an 8" x 10" frame without the glass.

