How to knot a bow tie?

This is pretty much like tying your shoe lace. In general we don’t recommend a bow tie for business attire. It makes a fashion statement that seems to suggest a whimsical and unpredictable nature – traits not often valued in business.

1. Start with end in right hand, extending 1.5 inch below that in left hand.

2. Cross longer end over shorter and pass up through loop.

3. Form front loop of bow by doubling up shorter end (hanging) end placing across collar points.

4. Hold this front loop with thumb and forefinger of right hand. Drop long end down over front.

5. Place left forefinger pointing up on bottom half of hanging part. Pass up behind front loop and...

6. Poke resulting loop though knot behind front loop (see illustration). Even ends and tighten.

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How to tie a Windsor Knot?
This is sometimes called a “Full Windsor.” It produces a perfectly symmetrical knot but also a rather bulky knot that may not be desirable if your tie is made of heavy cloth or if your shirt collar has a narrow opening.

1. Start with wide end of the tie on your right and extending a foot below narrow end.
2. Cross wide end over narrow and bring up through loop.
3. Cross wide end over narrow and bring up through loop.
4. Then put down through loop and around across narrow as shown.
5. Turn and pass up through loop and...
6. Complete by slipping down through the knot in front. Tighten and draw up snug to the collar.

How to tie a Half Windsor Knot?
The Half-Windsor produces a small symmetrical knot and uses less of the length of the tie than either the Full Windsor or the Four in Hand. You may wish to use a half-Windsor if your necktie is short or if you want a small knot. The Half-Windsor is often preferred with very narrow ties (less than two inches in width).

1. Start with wide end of the tie on your right and extending a foot below narrow end.
2. Cross wide end over narrow and turn back underneath.
3. Bring up and turn down through loop.
4. Pass wide end around front from left to right.
5. Then up through loop...
6. And down through know in front. Tighten carefully and draw up to collar.

How to tie a Four in Hand Knot?
This is the most commonly used knot. It is easy to tie but produces an asymmetrical knot. The Four in Hand knot is smaller than the Full Windsor but larger than the Half-Windsor in size.

1. Start with wide end of the tie on your right and extending a foot below narrow end.
2. Cross wide end over narrow and back underneath.
3. Continue around passing wide end across front of narrow once more.
4. Pass side end up through loop.
5. Holding front of knot loose with index finger, pass wide end down through loop in front.
6. Remove finger and tighten knot carefully. Draw up tight to collar by holding narrow end and sliding knot snug.