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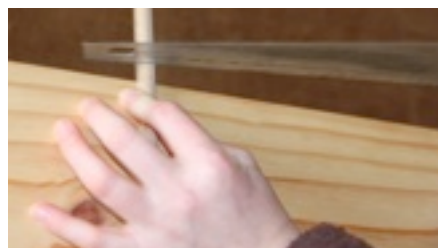
Materials & tools required:

	<p>Wooden dowel (hardwood)</p> <p>Purchase from any hardware store:</p> <p>Width: 9mm Total length: 300mm</p> <p>You can usually get the shop to cut it for you.</p>			
	<p>1 Colourful Ribbon</p> <p>Width: 25mm (approx)</p> <p>Length: 2m</p>		<p>A Lighter</p>	
		<p>1 x Size 3 Swivel (from a fishing shop)</p>		<p>1 x 21mm Screw-eye Hook</p>
	<p>1 Thumb Tack</p>		<p>Electrical Tape</p>	
	<p>Wood Saw</p>		<p>1 sheet x fine-medium Sandpaper</p>	
	<p>Scissors</p>		<p>Pliers</p>	

Method:

Step 1:

Use the wood saw to cut the dowel to 300mm long.

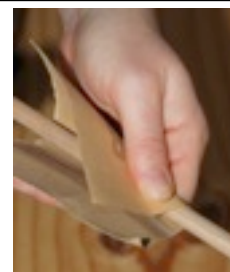


Step 2:

Use the sandpaper to smooth off both ends of the dowel.



Run the sandpaper along its length too.



Step 3:



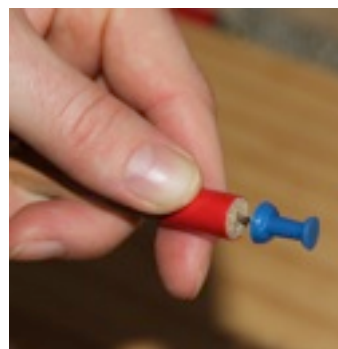
Wrap electrical tape around one end of the dowel to strengthen it.

You can pick any colour, and decorate the stick with more tape if you wish.

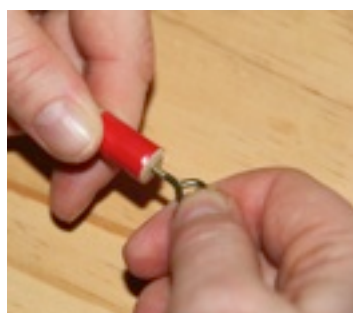
Step 4:

Push the thumb tack into the middle of the dowel, as far as you can.

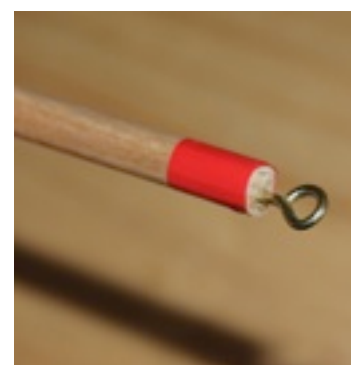
This provides a 'tap' hole for the screw-eye hook.



Step 5:



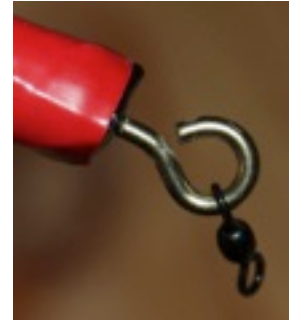
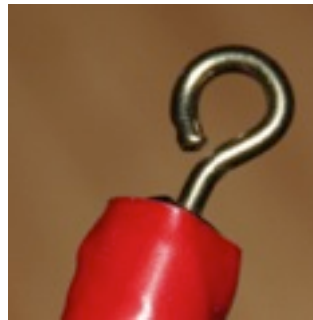
Remove the thumb tack, and carefully twist the screw-eye hook into the tap hole, securing it to the end of the dowel.



Step 5:



Using a pair of pliers, open up the hook just enough to slip the swivel on.



Step 6:

Use the pliers to close the hook up again.



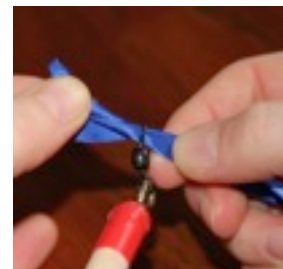
Step 7:



Use a lighter to **briefly** melt both ends of the ribbon.

This prevents the ribbon from fraying.
Note: it is easy to accidentally burn the ribbon, so be quick with the flame.

Step 8:



Fold one corner of the ribbon and feed it through the swivel loop...

Step 9:



Tie one simple knot in the ribbon to secure it to the swivel.



And that's your ribbon stick finished!