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Make a **doll-sized** Mini Bunting Tutorial

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Here's a quick, no-sew mini bunting flags tutorial to make with supplies you probably already have on hand.

It's perfect for using up scraps of fabric & even up-cycled fabric. You can also use pretty papers or different shapes.

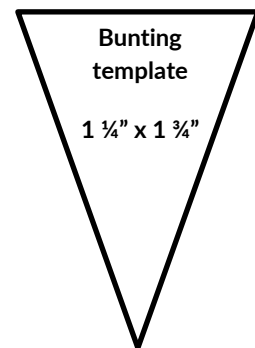
The possibilities are endless. In this tutorial, I'm using a triangle shape flag. This wee bunting looks adorable anywhere you hang it, whether it's for your dolls or just a cute deco for a shelf or cabinet. I have one hung in my work space. :-).

Supplies Needed:



Scraps of fabric or scrapbook paper in colors you love - I used a trio of tiny polka dot fabric in blue, pink & red

Embroidery thread or string - you want to use something quite thin to keep the small ratio of the triangles - I used a pink embroidery thread in size 10



Scissors, pinking shears or rotary cutter & mat

Iron, if using fabric

Glue - I prefer to use a fabric glue for fabrics, as it dries with making the fabric stiff. However, a multipurpose craft glue, that dries clear, works as well, esp. if you're using paper flags

Tape - any type that will hold your string or thread firmly to your work table

Optional, but very helpful -

Light starch for stabilizing fabric, freezer paper or silicone mat & small flat paintbrush to apply the glue

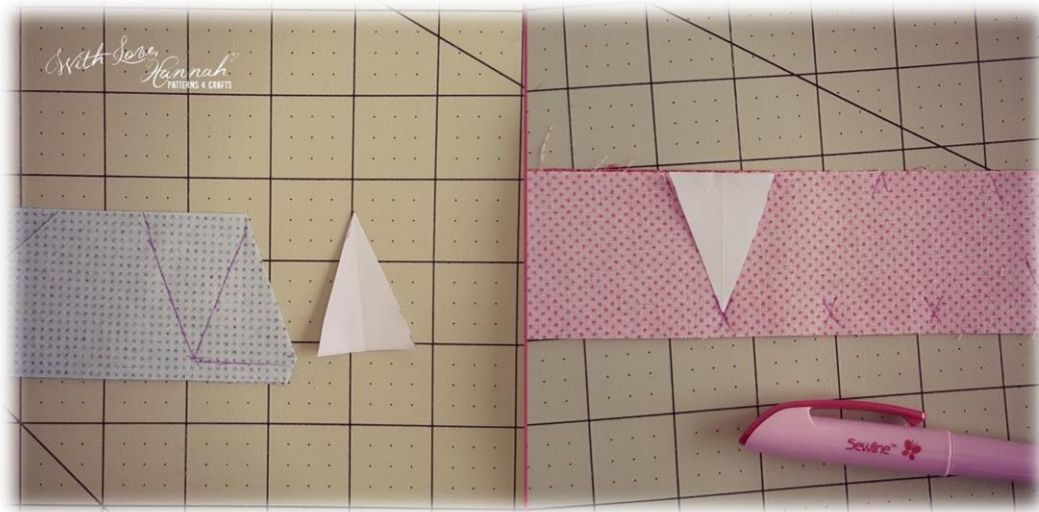


1. First, cut out the flag template above. It should measure 1 ¼ in x 1 ¾ in. Use cardstock or a cereal box for a sturdy template. If using fabric, press your fabric, so that there are no wrinkles. I also used a bit of light starch on mine, stabilizing the fabric & making it easier to work with.

2. Then, cut strips of fabric or paper. The length will vary, as you're using scraps. However, you need the strips to be 2" tall. Then, layout your triangle template on the strip and mark the cut lines. Invert the triangle each time you move along the strip. I just marked the corners & used a ruler

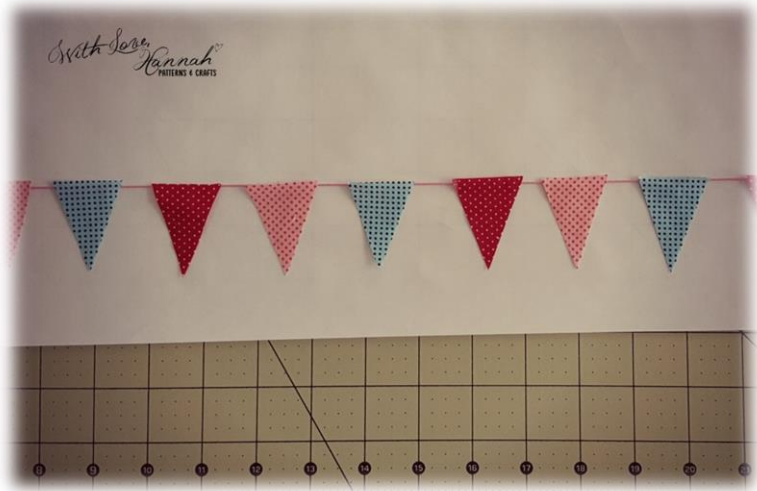


with a rotary blade to cut the triangles. You can trace the entire shape and cut with scissors, as well. Just use whatever tool you have. Using pinking shears would be nice too.



3. How do you decide how many triangles to cut? That depends on how long your thread is & how close together you want the flags to be. I suggest cutting out 10 or so, then going to the next step before making a final decision.

4. Cut a length of thread to glue your flags onto. It can be any length you want it to be. I chose to cut mine about 50 in or so, as I wanted some that could drape a bit. Be sure to add 3-6 inches on each end for tying or attaching the bunting.
5. Next, stretch the string/thread across your table, laying it on top of your nonstick work mat or freezer paper, wax side up. The freezer paper really helps make this project super easy. You can cut it to any length you need it to be and you can fit several rows of bunting on the same piece. This is esp. great if you want to make some for a friend at the same time. Tape one end of the thread directly to the table. Then, pull the thread taut and tape the other end in the same manner. This will hold it in place nicely, as we don't want the thread moving around while attaching the flags.
6. Now layout your flags & decide how close you want to space them. What order do you want the different fabrics in? Cut more flags if necessary. Be sure to allow 3-6 inches for attaching your bunting. Lay everything in place, double check it & get ready to glue.



7. Grab your glue and brush. I like to squirt a little glue out on the freezer paper. Also, wet the brush a little at first. It will make the initial glue brush on a bit easier. Pick up a little glue on your brush and apply it to the flag, on the back, across the top of the triangle. Place the flag back onto the string thread & press firmly into place. My

preference is to begin gluing the middle flag and work my way out to each end.

Leave it to dry completely before removing from the freezer paper.

Have fun, hang your bunting up, then enjoy! ☺

