



BRING OUT THE BUNTING!

Bunting is a fun, easy decoration to make with bits from around the home. Big or small, hung across a window or along a wall, it's a lovely way to brighten up a space. Depending on what materials you use (you don't need to be a sewing guru!) there are a few ways you can make it and be really creative with your designs.

HERE ARE A FEW HINTS AND TIPS FOR BUDDING BUNTING MAKERS

→ To reduce waste, **THINK ABOUT WHAT MATERIALS YOU COULD REPURPOSE**. If you've been having a clear out, have a rummage before you take unwanted clothes to the charity shop, and use some for fabric.

→ **TAKE A GOOD LOOK THROUGH YOUR RECYCLING** – cereal boxes, magazines and newspapers would work well for the pennants or for cutting out and sticking on as decorations.

→ If your material is coloured or you can **DECORATE BOTH SIDES**, it'll look lovely from all directions!

→ Short on space? Use super small pennants and a short piece of string to **MAKE MINI BUNTING**.

→ **TRY DIFFERENT COLOURS OR DESIGNS** or you could follow a repeat pattern. If you're using plain material, you might want to jazz it up and decorate with photos or pictures, paint, pens, stamps, stickers or other treasures you can find.

→ **PRINT AND DECORATE OUR BUNTING TEMPLATES** for a quick and easy way to make something special.

→ **YOUR PENNANTS CAN BE ALMOST ANY SHAPE** – you don't need to stick to the traditional triangle. Try rectangles, letters or go freestyle and cut creative shapes out of folded recycled paper (like making paper snowflakes).



→ **HANG STRING IN YOUR STREET**, drop pennants through letterboxes and invite people to add their flag.





TO MAKE FABRIC BUNTING

YOU'LL NEED:

- An A4 piece of card, a pencil and scissors or pinking shears
- Pins
- Ribbon, string, or shoe laces
- Needle and thread, double-sided hemming tape, or glue
- Material: fabric scraps, old sheets or clothes

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Print one of our templates or make your own by drawing a triangle onto card (16cm wide by 22cm fits onto A4) and cut out.
- 2 Pin your template to your material and cut around it. Repeat until you have enough bunting flags.
- 3 Evenly space the flags along the ribbon. Fold flag edges over and pin in place.
- 4 Sew the flags on with a straight stitch, iron on if using hemming tape, or simply stick with glue. Make sure you leave enough string free at each end to hang.

TO MAKE SUPER SIMPLE BUNTING:

- Staple paper bunting pennants evenly along a ribbon.
- Hole punch the top of each pennant and weave your ribbon through the punched-out holes.
- Use double-sided tape, peel it back and pop your pennants in place along the ribbon.



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