

Instructions for Making Bunting Using Cards

1. Decide on desired length of entire bunting. Determine the shape and size of the pieces.
2. Find cards with good designs, pictures, or colored areas which are large enough to make your shape(s) in the quantity you want; vertical for large, or horizontal for smaller.
3. Place your pattern on the back of the card, at the proper spot.
4. Draw around pattern and cut out desired quantity.
5. To create the length you need, you can have no spaces between shapes, or evenly spread pieces out along the length.
6. *Card buntings require two holes.* So 1/4" from the top of each shape, punch about 1/4" away from each end.
7. Cut enough string, yarn, or ribbon to hang finished piece with a slight drape, plus plenty of extra to fasten at ends.
8. To hang, insert string, cord, or ribbon through each piece. Thread with string going in from front, across back, out to front, and on to the next piece.
9. Space the pieces to drape nicely across display area.
10. Add embellishments, such as beads, stars, buttons, glitter, bells, or greenery, as desired.
11. You can place in spots such as fireplace mantle, window or picture on wall, top or bottom of mirror, or hung from larger decorations like reindeer antlers and pairs of tall candlesticks.
12. Throughout the year, you can make hearts, shamrocks, flowers, flags, sun /stars /moons /planets, gnomes, colorful fall leaves, wrapped birthday gifts, snowflakes, snowmen, trucks, and whatever else strikes your fancy!

Instructions for Making Bunting Using Fabric

1. Decide on desired length of entire bunting. Determine the shape and size of pieces.
2. Double your pattern, so it can fold over to create a two-sided bunting. For instance, if you have a flag shape, it becomes a diamond shape (two flags end to end).
3. Find fabric pieces and scraps with good designs, pictures, or colored areas which are large enough to make your shape(s) in the quantity you want.
4. Place your pattern on the back of the fabric at the proper spot.
5. Using pinking shears or other cutting tools, draw around pattern and cut out desired quantity.
6. To create the length you need, you can have no spaces between shapes, or evenly spread pieces out along the length.
7. Cut enough string, cord, or ribbon to hang finished piece with a slight drape, plus plenty of extra to fasten at ends.
8. This project requires no holes. Instead, to hang, you will fold each fabric piece over the string, evenly matching the edges. Pin in place.
9. Fasten with fabric glue, or seam across top just next to or through string.
10. Space the pieces to drape nicely across display area.
11. Add embellishments, such as beads, stars, buttons, bells, or greenery, as desired.
12. You can place in locations such as your fireplace mantle, top or bottom of mirror or pictures on wall; in a window, or hung from larger decorations like reindeer antlers and pairs of tall candlesticks.
13. Throughout the year, you can make hearts, shamrocks, flowers, flags, sun /stars /moons /planets, gnomes, colorful fall leaves, wrapped birthday gifts, snowflakes, snowmen, trucks, and whatever else strikes your fancy!

Instructions for Making Gift Tags, Bookmarks, and Flat Ornaments

1. Choose which project you want to make.
2. Choose the shape and size you like.
3. Find a card with good designs, pictures, or colored areas that are large enough to make your shape.
4. Place your pattern on the back of the card, at the spot you want to use.
5. Draw around pattern and cut out.
6. Each of these three projects has one hole. Punch where desired for your item's use.
7. Insert string or ribbon to tie, hang, or drape.
8. Add embellishments, such as beads, stars, buttons, glitter, bells, or greenery as desired.

Instructions for Making a Simple Wreath

1. Cut a base for your wreath to the size of your choice. Make sure you leave enough opening in the center to allow the mosaic pieces to overlap a bit on the interior edges.
2. Secure a piece of ribbon to the front of the base to create a hanger at the top of your wreath. It will eventually be covered by mosaic pieces.
3. Cut or tear pieces of cards for the 'leaves' of the wreath. Using serrated scissors makes pretty edges. The pieces can be random and irregular, shaped like leaves or any other intentional shape, or several different planned shapes.
4. Glue the pieces to the wreath base to create your design. They can be random or evenly placed. Use Elmer's glue (spread thinly) or rubber cement.

Instructions for Making Multi-Sided Tree or Other Ornament Shapes

1. Determine your desired shape, size, & type of tree or ornament; or choose one of our patterns. We use the Christmas tree here.
2. Find cards with good pictures or colors large enough for your shape. Select Vertical cards for a larger tree, or Horizontal for a smaller tree or even multiple trees.
3. Place pattern on back of card, opposite the area you want to use.
4. Trace around pattern. Choose 3 to 6 pictures for the sides of the finished piece. Fit pieces back-to-back, to make sure they all match.
5. Look for a sharp edge on your furniture, such as the edge of a desk, table, or cabinet. With the picture facing inward, gently press shape down over the sharp edge to slowly, incrementally fold each piece exactly in half. When fold is well-defined, press crease into the midline.
6. Coat half the backs of two cutouts (one on the right side and one on the left side) with rubber cement and let them dry.
7. Carefully matching the edges, press them together. Repeat until all your cutouts are used and connected, but the last two are not glued together.
8. Cut two pieces of string or thin ribbon, each about 4" long. Fold in half.
9. To hang, insert half of the string (the 2 ends) at the top crease. Add glue the length of the string to stabilize. You'll end up with a loop for an ornament hook.
10. To dangle a charm, bead, etc., thread the dangle onto a second string and duplicate these steps at the bottom crease.
11. Glue, dry, and press final two pieces together.
12. View from every side and trim any imperfectly-matched edges of the silhouette.
13. To decorate, add embellishments at top and tips of tree, such as stars, fabric puffs, flat jewels, buttons, or beads. They can be strung on with needle and thread, glued on, or hole-punched and wired or tied.

Instructions for Making Paperback Book Tree

To Make a Tree On a Base or Trunk

1. Choose a 150 page book, or split a larger book into 2 parts. Any height book is fine but 150 pages per tree is the maximum you will want to work with. The height of the book will be the height of your tree.
2. Fold the top right corner into the center of the book. Creases the edge for a sharp finish.
3. Fold again into the center and crease the edge.
4. Continue folding all pages until you have the density and thickness you want. If you have more pages than you need, simply rip them out.
5. These two folds will allow space for creating a "tree trunk" (putting the tree on a base or stand). Use hot glue or E6000 glue to secure the trunk to the tree, and decorate as you like.

To Make a Freestanding Tree

1. If you want a flat-bottom for a freestanding tree, follow above steps, and then fold the pointed bottom edge of each page up and tuck it under the folded layers.
2. Continue folding all pages until you have the density and thickness you want. If you have more pages than you need, simply rip them out.

To Make a Vignette

1. Start in the middle of the book and fold pages until you have a half-tree completed.
2. Secure the unfolded pages of the half-tree into a frame, or secure the remaining pages to a flat base of cardboard or foam board, to create a display piece.
3. This would also work with a hard-cover book if it is small enough (maximum of 80 to 100 pages).
4. Decorate both tree and background in display piece to create a vignette in your chosen style.