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How To Make Bunting By Reusing Fabrics

You will need:

- Some kind of string or ribbon
- Fabrics (old clothes or unwanted fabrics are perfect)
- Scrap card (you can use card from the recycling bin, like a cereal box)
- Needle and thread
- Ruler
- Iron

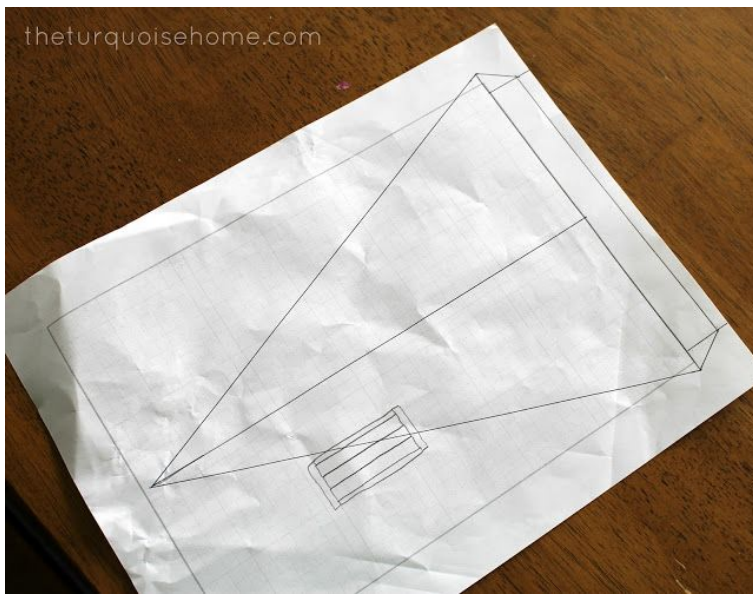
Simple bunting:

Images from theturquoisehome.com

Step 1: Draw a triangle on your card to make yourself a template. A good size is 15cm wide (6") by 22cm (9") long but you can make the triangles whatever size you like!



Draw an extra 2.5 cm (1") at the top to create the bit that will fold over your ribbon. So that the edges match up neatly when you fold the flap over, make the edges diagonal like in this image:



Step 2: Give all your fabrics a good iron. If you're using old clothes, it's good to cut along the seams to create flat usable pieces (if there are any rips or marks, just avoid that bit of fabric).

Step 3: Use your template to mark out triangles on your fabric. Start from an edge and tessellate the triangles to get as many pieces out of the fabric as you can.



Step 4: Cut out all of your triangles!

Step 5: To make the sewing easier, it's useful to fold the flap over and iron to crease it.

Step 6: Put your ribbon or string underneath the flap and pin in place. Make sure to space your triangles out evenly along the ribbon.



Step 7: Using needle and thread, sew a running stitch along the fold. Make sure your stitches are evenly spaced. You can use a cotton thread that matches the colour of your fabric so it's hidden but I like to use a thick embroidery thread so that the stitches are really visible.



Double sided bunting:

Images from: <https://www.glorioustreats.com>

If you have a sewing machine, or are very patient and neat with hand stitching, then you could make double sided bunting so that there are no raw edges.

As with the simple bunting you first need to:

Draw a triangle on your card to make yourself a template. A good size is 15cm wide (6") by 22cm (9") long but you can make the triangles whatever size you like! NB. You don't need to add the extra flap at the top for double sided bunting.

And then Iron all of your fabric. If you're using old clothes, it's good to cut along the seams to create flat usable pieces (if there are any rips or marks, just avoid that bit of fabric).



Step 1: Fold your fabric in half with the right sides facing each other and so that the edges match. This is so that you will cut out 2 triangles at the same time. Put a few pins in the fabric to hold the two layers in place.

Step 2: Now, mark out your triangles on the fabric. Make sure to work from an edge and to tessellate the triangles to get as many pieces out of the fabric as possible.

Step 3: Cut out all of your triangles and pin them together in pairs. Make sure the right sides of the fabric are facing each other. (This is so that the right sides of the fabric will be showing after you've stitched them up.)



Step 4: Sew along the two long sides of each triangle (do not sew the short side, leave this open!).

Step 5: Trim any excess fabric near the tip of the triangle (as shown above), this will help give you a nice sharp point when you turn your fabric right side out.

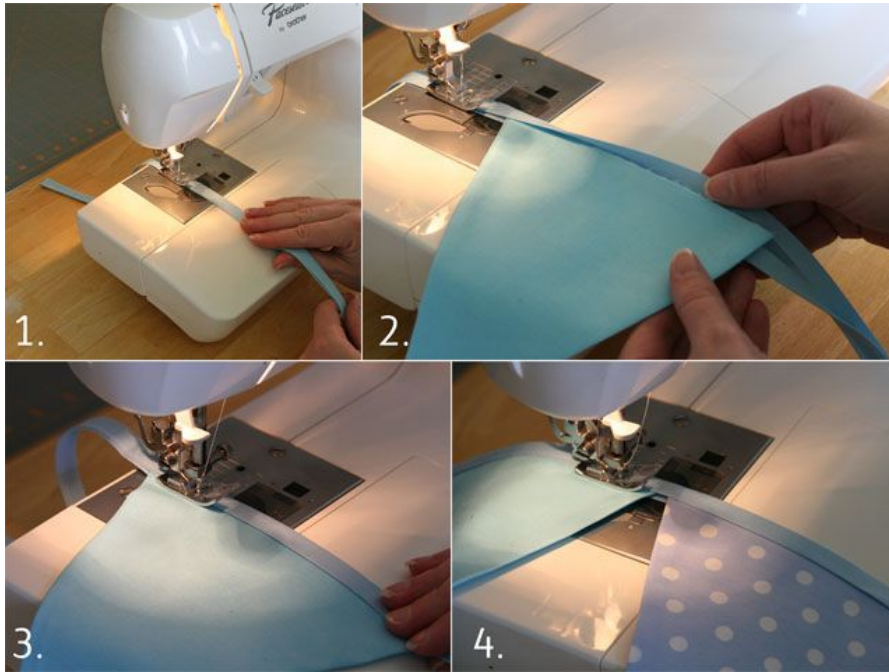
Step 6: Turn the triangle inside out so that the right side of the fabric is now showing. You might need to use something pointed (but not too sharp) to push gently into the corner.

Sew as many triangles as you need!



Step 7: Trim the loose threads and little triangles that are sticking out.

Step 8: Line up your triangles in the order you want to use them. Then, using extra wide bias binding or a wide ribbon that has been pressed in half, fold the strand over the top edge of each triangle as you sew on the machine. Make sure to keep the line straight by using the edge of the foot as a guide. If you're more comfortable pinning or tacking each piece first then do!



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