

Bunting in a Bag

Bunting will brighten up indoor or outdoor living spaces for any occasion! To keep your bunting tidy when you're not using it, make a simple hanging bag (see overleaf). Use a basic or non-directional print to make the most of your fabric.

Finished size

183 x 25.5cm (72 x 10in)

What you need

102 x 25.5cm (40 x 10in) striped fabric

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Eight pompoms

3m (118in) of 2cm (3/4in) wide bias binding

Strong thread

102 x 38cm (40 x 15in) contrast fabric for the bag

25.5cm (10in) of 2cm (3/4in) wide bias binding



1 Cut your fabric strips into triangles measuring 20.5cm (8in) across the top and 25.5cm (10in) deep. The easiest way to do this is to use a rotary cutter, ruler and mat and to cut a 'zigzag' across the strips of fabric. You need to cut eight triangles from each fabric.

2 Sew each pair of pennants (triangles) right sides together, leaving the top edge open. Snip across the point, turn right side out and press.

3 When all eight pennants are sewn, trim straight across the tops. Hand sew a pompom to the point of each triangle with strong thread.





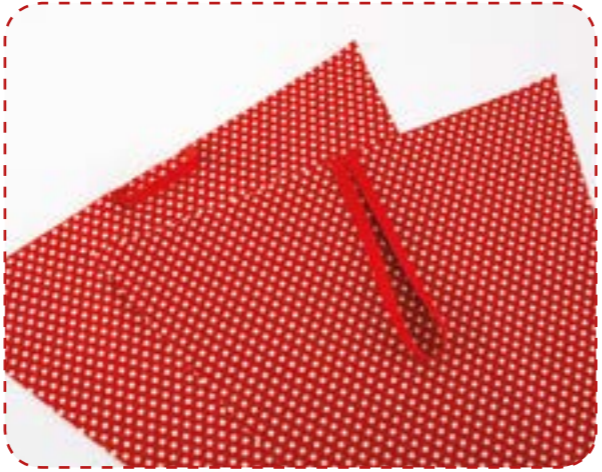
4 Fold your 3m (118in) length of bias tape in half lengthways and press. Insert the top of each pennant inside the binding, with a 5cm (2in) gap between them; pin or clip them in place. Sew straight along the bias tape, securing the pennants in position.



8 Place the two panels right sides together, matching the seams. Sew all the way around, leaving a turning gap of about 7.5cm (3in) in one side.

9 Turn right side out and sew the turning gap closed. Push the lining inside the bag and press, then topstitch around the top.

10 Pop your bunting inside!



5 To make the bag, fold up your bunting and place it over the bag fabric. Draw around the bunting leaving a 4cm (1½in) border all round. Make sure the shape is symmetrical. Use this to cut four identical shapes.

6 Fold the 25.5cm (10in) length of bias binding in half lengthways and press. Sew along the open edge. Cut a 5cm (2in) length, then sew facing inwards to the centre top of one piece of fabric, centrally, with a 4cm (1½in) gap between the ends, as shown. Fold the remaining bias tape in half to make a loop, and sew the ends to the centre top of a second piece of fabric.

7 Sew a remaining fabric piece right sides together to the top of each piece with a loop.

