

You will need:

- Sewing machine
- Crossover or die cutting machine
- Linen & Lace™ Alphabet letters (in your choice of characters – sold individually)
- Fat quarters for bunting front from Riley Blake Good Natured Fireflies, Mint and Good Natured Main, Mint Fat quarter for writing in Riley Blake Primrose Garden Dot Red
- Fat quarter in neutral backing fabric
- Sewing thread
- Embroidery thread
- Binding or trimming for stringing to be no less than ¾" wide
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- Pins
- Needle
- Pencil or sewing chalk

SKILL LEVEL: *Beginner*

STEP BY STEPS...

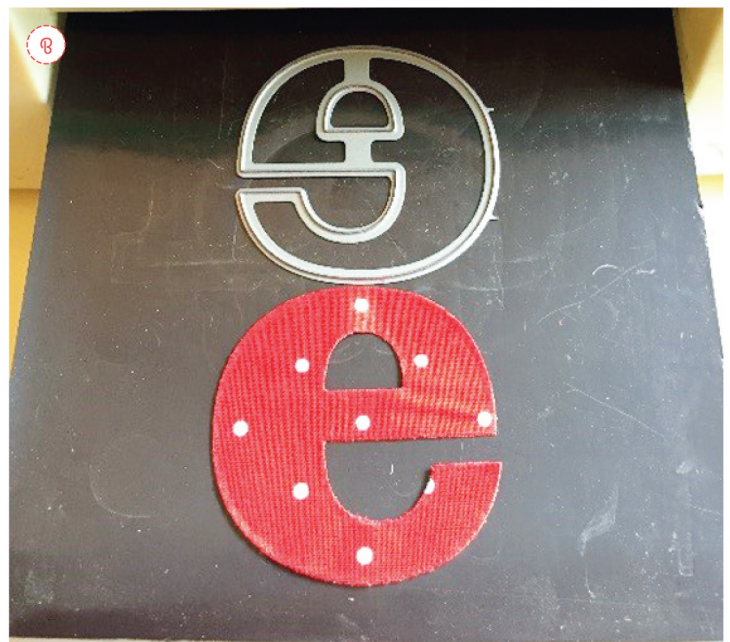
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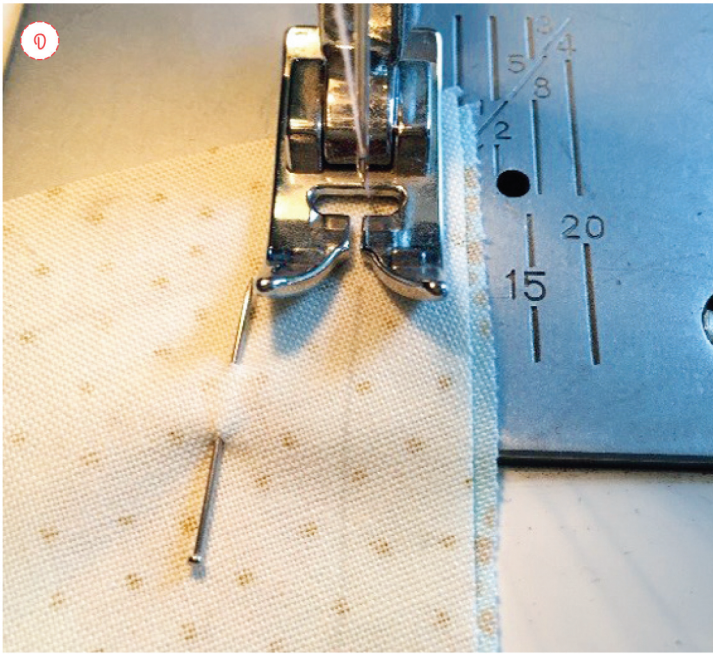
Quantities are based on the same number of bunting flags. You will need to calculate how much fabric you need based on how long your bunting is.

1. Trace around the bunting template on chosen fabric remembering to also cut the corresponding backing fabric, leaving a seam allowance (**See Pic A**).
2. Using your choice of die cutting machine, place the Linen & Lace™ deep dish die with the blade facing up onto the base plate. Be aware that the print of the fabric must be placed with the right side facing down or the letters will finish back to front (**See Pic B**).
3. Pin your letter to the fabric making a note of the measurement from the top of the flag to the top of your letter as this needs to be unified with the rest of the flags. Using two strands of embroidery thread, blanket stitch the letter to your flag (**See Pic C**).

NOTE:

It is the designer's choice to use blanket stitch to stop the cotton from fraying and to give another interest to the bunting. You could also machine stitch around the edge of the letters or use fusible webbing to attach them.





4. Pin the right sides of the fabric together, machine stitch the flags, front and back, leaving the top open (**See Pic D**).

5. Trim off excess along the seams especially near the point as this will be bulky when turned the right side out. Press flag with an iron once turned out. Repeat for the remaining letters and flags (**See Pic E**).

6. Fold the trimming or binding in half and pin to the top of your flag. Measure the distance from the top of your letter so it is uniform and also the gap between each flag. When happy with the spacing, pin and sew a straight stitch along the centre of the trimming. Give each flag a final press (**See Pic F**).



Top Tip...

IT IS EASIER TO START WITH THE MIDDLE LETTER FLAG AND THE MIDDLE OF ROLL OF TRIMMING AND WORK OUTWARDS.



“I love to hand stitch it's so therapeutic so this project is a great way to embellish bunting that can be personalised for birthdays, weddings and many other special occasions. This is a great make to pick up and put down and can be made as long or short as you like, depending on your free time.”