Craft name bunting out of felt

Personalise your room with a home-made banner.



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WARNING!
Always ask an adult's permission before using sharp scissors.

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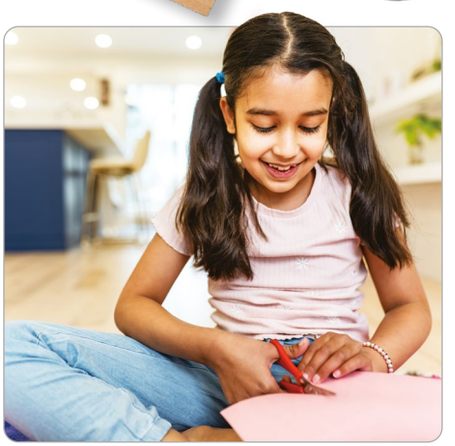
What you need

- Ruler
- Pencil and paper
- Sharp scissors
- Felt
- Letter printouts
- Sticky tape
- Paintbrush
- Fabric glue or a thick crafting glue
- String
- Big-eye needle or hole punch



Bunting has been around for centuries and was first used on navy ships. Sailors used to cover their ships in flags to celebrate victories or special occasions. Over the years, bunting has been used to celebrate lots of historical events, such as street parties at the end of the Second World War (1939–1945) and Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Nowadays, you often see it at parties or celebrations and it's a great way to decorate your bedroom. It would also be a lovely personal gift for a friend or a relative – or you could make one for family parties simply saying "Happy birthday".

Here's how you can create name bunting out of felt – and you don't even need to be able to sew.



Instructions

1 Use the ruler, pencil and paper to make a template (pattern) for the flags on your felt bunting. It can be in the shape of a swallowtail (shown above) or a triangle, rectangle or other shape of your choice. To make a symmetrical shape, fold the paper in half. Draw half of the shape with its centre along the fold. Cut it out.

2 Trace your flag template onto the felt, then cut out the shape. Repeat this step to make as many flags as there are letters in your name.

3 Print out the letters in a simple font in a size that will fit nicely on your flags. If you don't have a printer you can draw the letters by hand but be careful to keep them as neat as possible. Cut out each letter, leaving some white space around it. Tape each letter to a piece of felt in any colour you would like your letters to be.

4 With the scissors, carefully cut out each letter, cutting through the paper and felt at the same time. For letters with a space in the centre, like the letter O, carefully poke a hole in the letter with one blade of the scissors, then cut your way around.

5 Paint a thin layer of glue onto the back of a felt letter and centre it onto the bunting. Repeat with the rest of the letters.

6 Lay out your bunting, evenly spaced apart. Measure this length and add 50cm to both ends to allow for hanging the bunting. Cut a piece of string to this length.

7 Punch or poke a hole in the top corners of each part of your bunting, then string them all together. Hang it up and enjoy!

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