

A BUNTING FOR ALL SEASONS

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Dear *Sew News*,
I'd like to make a bunting to decorate my house. It seems like a fairly easy project to take on, but I'm not sure where to start.



Dear Reader,

A bunting can be used to decorate for the holidays, special occasions or change with the seasons. They're easy to make and can be customized with fabrics and appliqué. The projects below provide guidelines to get started.

Holiday Tree Bunting

SUPPLIES

Supplies listed are enough to make one 6"x72" bunting. To make the bunting longer or shorter, add or subtract 6" from the cord or ribbon for every tree being added or eliminated.

- Tree template
- 9 cotton fabric scraps (at least 7"x11") for the trees & tree trunks
- 2¼ yards of cord or ribbon
- Polyester fiber stuffing

CUT

From each fabric, cut two tree templates and one 2½" square for the tree trunk.

CONSTRUCT

Fold two opposite sides of each square ¾" to the wrong side; press. Fold the square in half with raw edges together; press. Topstitch ⅛" from the folded edges of the tree trunk (1).

Pair the tree trunks with the trees. On the right side of the tree front, align the tree trunk raw edge with the tree lower edge, matching the trunk center and tree. Baste in place.

With right sides together, sew the tree front and back together, leaving



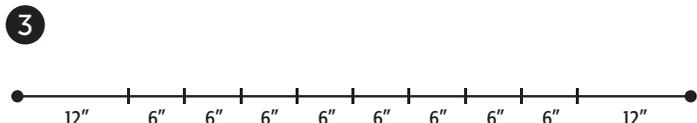
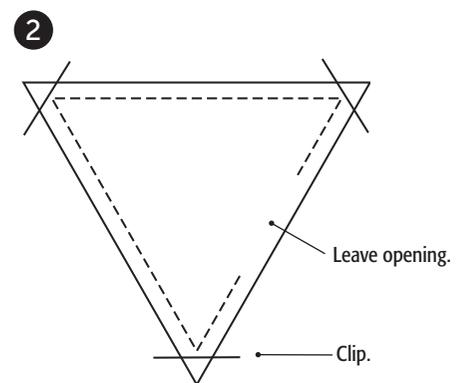
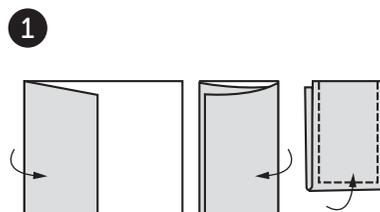
a 2" opening on one side. Clip the corners (2).

Turn the trees right side out. Stuff each tree and slipstitch the opening closed.

Tie a knot in one end of the cord. Mark the tree placements on the cord using straight pins or a marking pen (3).

Hand stitch the tip of the tree to the cord at the placement markings. (The cord is longer than the finished length.)

Knot off the cord 12" from the last tree placement and trim away the excess cord.



Half Circle Bunting

SUPPLIES

Supplies listed are enough to make one 3"x74" bunting. To make the bunting longer or shorter, add or subtract 5" from the bias tape length for each half circle added or eliminated.

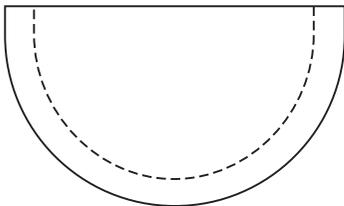
- Half circle template
- 10 coordinating cotton fabric scraps (at least 6"x8")
- One package of 1" single-fold bias tape or ½ yard of coordinating fabric

CUT

From each fabric scrap, cut two half circle templates.

From the binding fabric, cut five 1½"-wide bias strips.

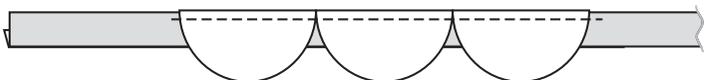
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CONSTRUCT

With right sides together, sew the half circles together around the curve (4). Trim the seam allowance to ⅛". Turn right side out; press.

If making the bias tape, sew together the bias strips along the ends and press open the seams. Fold the raw edges to meet at the bias-strip center; press in place (5).

Unfold one binding long edge. Measure 12" from one end and place a circle, aligning the circle raw edge with the bias-tape raw edge. Baste in place using a scant ¼" seam allowance.

Align the next half circle next to the first half circle; baste (6).

Continue basting the remaining half circles to the bias tape.

Fold the bias tape in half, aligning the folded edges; press in place. Stitch the binding edges together and across the half circles.

Knot the bias tape 12" from the half circle on either end, and then trim away the excess bias tape.

Appliquéd Pennant Bunting

SUPPLIES

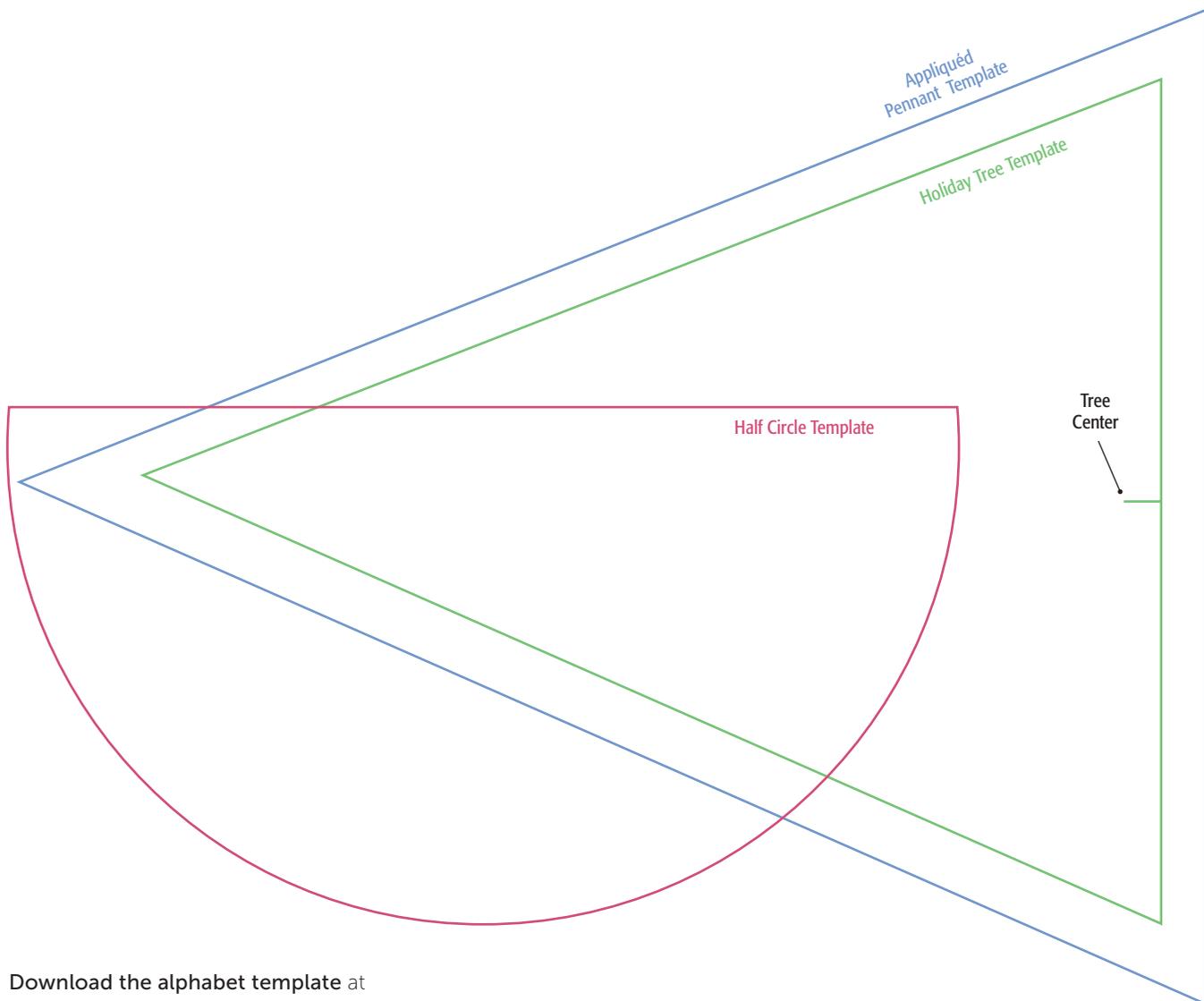
Supplies listed are enough to make one 6¼"x69" bunting with nine pennants. To make the bunting longer or shorter, add or subtract 5" from the bias-tape length for each pennant added or eliminated. Additional fabric for each extra pennant is needed, but the fabric requirement for the bias tape is enough to make additional bias tape.

- Pennant template (Pennants are 5"x6¼".)
- Alphabet template
- ¼ yard or 1 fat quarter of 3 coordinating fabrics (for the pennants)
- One package of 1" single-fold bias tape or ½ yard of coordinating fabric
- ¼ yard or 1 fat quarter of fabric & one 8"x10" piece of fusible web (appliqués)

CUT

From the coordinating fabrics, cut nine sets of two pennant templates.

From the binding fabric, cut five 1½"-wide bias strips.



Download the alphabet template at sewnews.com/web_extras.

Using the alphabet template, trace the letters in reverse on the fusible web. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the letters to the wrong side of the appliqué fabric; cut out.

CONSTRUCT

Fuse the letters to the front of the pennant set.

Appliqué the letters in place using a small zigzag stitch.

With right sides together, sew the pennant sets together along the sides. Leave the upper edge free. Clip the lower-edge point. Turn right side out; press.

Lay out the pennants in order.

Sew the pennants to the bias tape following the directions at left for the Half Circle Bunting. ⑤

