

How To

Make Bunting From Re-cycled Shirts

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Equipment Needed

- * Fabrics in various designs or colours
- * A piece of ribbon or bias binding (to sew bunting onto)
- * Piece of card or paper cut into a triangle with 2 long sides and 1 shorter side, this is your pattern
- * Dressmaker Pins
- * Sewing Thread & Needle (Korbond do a pre-threaded kit)
- * Korbond 9" Pinking Shears

"This is an ideal project for a complete beginner, and it uses recycled fabrics. I chose to make the bunting from men's shirts in various shades of pinks, but you could try other combinations of print and pattern and colours. You may wish to use new fabric or recycle an old much loved garment."



Step One

Pin the triangle onto the fabric and cut round the 3 sides using the pinking shears.



Step Two

Remove the pins, and put the triangles of fabric to one side.



Step Three

Pin the pattern onto the next piece of fabric and repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have as many triangles as you need.

Step Four

Thread a needle and then knot the end of the thread.

Step Five

Arrange the triangles so that you are happy with the arrangement of patterns and colours. Pin the ribbon onto the narrow side of the triangles in a row, leaving enough ribbon at the beginning and the end for tying. (30-50cms depending on the circumference around which you are tying).



Step Six

Using a running stitch sew each triangle in turn onto the ribbon, finish the stitches by over sewing at the end.

