



## BRING OUT THE BUNTING!

Bunting is an easy decoration to make with bits from around the home and is a simple way to mark the day as a special occasion. Big or small, hung across a window or along a wall, it's a lovely way to brighten up a space. Depending on what materials you use (you don't need to be a sewing guru!) there are a few ways you can make it and be really creative with your designs.

### HERE ARE A FEW HINTS AND TIPS FOR BUDDING BUNTING MAKERS

→ To reduce waste, **THINK ABOUT WHAT MATERIALS YOU COULD REPURPOSE**. If you've been having a clear out but can't take your unwanted clothes to the charity shop have a rummage and use them for fabric.

→ **TAKE A GOOD LOOK THROUGH YOUR RECYCLING** – cereal boxes, magazines and newspapers would work well for the pennants or for cutting out and sticking on as decorations.

→ If your material is coloured or you can **DECORATE BOTH SIDES**, it'll look lovely from both inside and out, making it enjoyable for all to see.

→ Short on space? Use super small pennants and a short piece of string to **MAKE MINI BUNTING**.

→ **THE COLOURS AND DESIGNS COULD ALL BE DIFFERENT** or you could follow a repeat pattern. If you're using plain material, you might want to jazz it up and decorate with photos or pictures, paint, pens, stamps, stickers or other treasures you can find.

→ If you'd like a helping hand, **PRINT AND DECORATE OUR BUNTING TEMPLATES** for a quick and easy way to make something special.

→ **YOUR PENNANTS CAN BE ALMOST ANY SHAPE** – you don't need to stick to the traditional triangle. Try rectangles, letters or go freestyle and cut creative shapes out of folded recycled paper (like making paper snowflakes).



→ **INVITE YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO SHARE IDEAS** and join in too!





# TO MAKE FABRIC BUNTING

## YOU'LL NEED:

- An A4 piece of card, a pencil and scissors or pinking shears
- Pins
- Ribbon, string, or shoe laces
- Needle and thread, double-sided hemming tape, or glue
- Material: fabric scraps, old sheets or clothes, paper or card, magazines or newspaper.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Print one of our templates or make your own by drawing a triangle onto card (16cm wide by 22cm fits onto A4) and cut out.
- 2 Pin your template to your material and cut around it. Repeat until you have enough bunting flags.
- 3 Evenly space the flags along the ribbon. Fold flag edges over and pin in place.
- 4 Sew the flags on with a straight stitch, iron on if using hemming tape, or simply stick with glue. Make sure you leave enough string free at each end to hang.

## SAME GREAT EFFECT, WITH NO NEED TO SEW!

- Staple your bunting pennants evenly along a ribbon.
- Hole punch the top of each pennant and weave your ribbon through the punched-out holes.
- Use double-sided tape, peel it back and pop your pennants in place along the ribbon.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Big Lunch takes place on the first weekend in June and is a time for people across the UK to celebrate connections and let kindness shine. If you've enjoyed making bunting for your VE Day 75 celebration, why not keep it safe and hang it up again for The Big Lunch weekend 6-7 June?

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