

Projects

"SUMMER CELEBRATIONS BANNER"



In the summer, every day is a good day to celebrate! Jazz up your BBQ and pool party décor with this festive summer bunting. Basic sewing and appliqué techniques were used to construct and adorn the bunting making it the perfect project for sewers of all skill levels.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine
All-purpose thread to match fabrics
½ yard fabric to make 16 triangles 9" long and 7" inches wide at the top
1/8 yard of two different prints for the letters
1 package of ½" Extra Wide Double Fold Bias Tape (3 yds.)
2 packages of rick rack coordinating colors to match fabrics
Steam-A Seam2
Iron and Ironing board

Instructions:

1. Cut out sixteen triangles. Triangles should be 7" wide at the top and 9" at the longest point.
2. On eight of the triangles, baste rick rack along the outer edge of the triangle.
3. Pair each triangle with rick rack to a blank triangle.
4. With right sides together, stitch the triangle together using a ¼" seam. Leaving the top edge of the triangle open.
5. Repeat until there are eight stitched triangles.
6. Turn right side out and press.
7. Trace the letters for "Summer" on the paper backing of the Steam-a-Seam2; remember to mirror image the letters.
8. Fuse one side of the Steam-a-Seam2 to the wrong side of the applique fabric.

9. Cut out the letters following the traced lines.
10. Remove the paper backing and center a letter in each triangle to spell out "Summer". You will have two blank triangles.
11. Using a zigzag stitch, applique around the edges of each letter.
12. Open double fold bias tape once, line up the top of each triangle along the middle of the bias tape, fold back over and pin in place.
13. Sew along the bottom of the bias tape to sew it shut and sew triangles into place.
14. Fold over the two ends of the bias tape and sew to make two loops in which to hang the banner.

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