



FABRIC PENNANT BANNER

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100% scale,
not scale to fit.

A couple notes before we get started:

A banner or a bunting?

Before we jump into this pattern we need to discuss something...Do we call this a bunting or a banner? Let's see what each of these actually is...

Banner: A strip of cloth bearing a slogan or design.

Bunting: A collection of flags considered as a group.

With this knowledge, I would have to say wholeheartedly that this is a bunting. A beautiful and classic name for such a timeless decor item. However, in our day and age, the term "banner" is much more common and would 100% be applied to this piece. I will personally be calling this a bunting, but I have labeled this pattern as a "Birthday Banner" as that is what it is most commonly called today.

What are the banner flags called?

In the process of writing this pattern, one of the most interesting things I learned was that the individual "flag" on a bunting is called a pennon. I'm guessing this is also related to the term pennant. So, of course, for clarity (and also for fun) the instructions below refer to the banner flags as pennons.

I hope you enjoy this pattern! If you have any questions, you can always email me at connect@sweetmeadowfarmhouse.com, comment on this blog post or reach me on Instagram...I'm hanging out there daily at [@sweetmeadowfarmhouse](https://www.instagram.com/sweetmeadowfarmhouse).

Materials Needed for One 10.5" Fabric Pennant Banner:

Pattern - This can easily be printed at home. Make sure to print at 100% (not "scale to fit").

This pattern creates 1 10.5' banner with 8" of extra string on either side for hanging (string totals 12')

Fabric - A minimum of 1 yard of 44" wide fabric (enough for 20 pennons). However, because I wanted a mixture of fabrics, I purchased 5 different fabrics. 1/4 yard of 44" wide fabric will make 5 completed pennons. Take into consideration how you want the banner to look. How much variation in color/pattern do you want the pennons to have? Write down what you decide on so that you can reference back to it while sewing.

Lining (optional) - 1 yard of 44" wide cotton fabric, muslin, or drop cloth. I personally really like the drop cloth as it gives a bit of structure to the banner adding to its sophistication and elegance.

Double fold bias tape - 12' from a roll of 1/2 inch double fold bias tape (see materials list on blog post)
OR 3 packages of 1/2 inch double fold bias tape, 3 yards per package

Thread - White or coordinating thread for the pennons and bias tape.

Supplies and Tools Needed for a Birthday Banner:

Sewing Machine

Pins

Sewing Shears

Sewing gauge or tape measurer

Instructions:

Wash and Iron Fabric

As with all sewing patterns we will start at the very beginning...a very good place to start...wash and iron the fabric.

Cut Out Template and Fabric

Cut out the pennon pattern.

Pin the pennon template to fabric and cut around edges. If you are using multiple colors/fabrics, keep in mind the color pattern that you want for the pennons so as to cut out the correct number of each color.

Cut out a total of 40 pennon pieces from the various fabrics. There will be a total of 20 completed pennons (two pieces to form 1 completed pennon).

For the banner here, I cut:

12 Blue (6 completed pennons)

6 Beige (3 completed pennons)

8 Burgundy (4 completed pennons)

6 Light Red (3 completed pennons)

8 White (4 completed pennons)

If you are adding lining to the banner, cut 20 lining pieces out using the same pennon template

Sew Pennons

Place both patterned pieces with right sides together. Place the lining piece (if using) on top. Sew around all edges except top with 1/2 inch inseam backstitching at beginning and end.

Trim up pennon tips cutting 1/3 inch off of the tip. This keeps the tip from looking bulky once folded right side out. Fold the right side out and manipulate point so it is, well, pointy. A small pair of scissors or other pointy object will come in handy for pressing out the points (should I say point again...just to make a point?)

Iron pennon flat. Trim up excess fabric on top (open) edge that is now sticking out due to folding. Set aside.

Repeat this process with all other 19 pennons.

Adding Bias Tape

Iron all the double fold bias tape that you will be using. If using 3 separate packages sew all three together at ends creating one long stretch of bias tape roughly 12'.

Measure 8 inches from one end of bias tape and pin the first pennon in place between the bias tape folds with raw edge of pennon directly in the crease of the bias tape. Place second pennon directly next to first pennon in between bias tape folds making sure corner points of each pennon just barely touch. This will ensure there is a 1/2 inch gap between pennons when bias tape is folded over and sewn in place. Pin second pennon in place and continue process with remaining pennons.

After pinning the final pennon in place, you should have 8 inches (or thereabouts) of extra bias tape for hanging. There should be 8 inches on either side for hanging.

Starting at one end of the bias tape, stitch bias tape and pennons together. As you sew, keep in mind catching all the layers in the stitches (all the folds of the bias tape as well as the pennons). I left the ends of the bias tape open (unsewn) but feel free to sew them shut for a more polished look if you wish to.

Time to Celebrate with your Birthday Banner!

Congratulations! You've just made the most adorable pennant banner! I know this will add so much charm and whimsy to your decor as you celebrate special occasions for years to come!

If you try this project and enjoy it, tag me on Instagram @sweetmeadowfarmhouse and let me know! I'd love to see it!