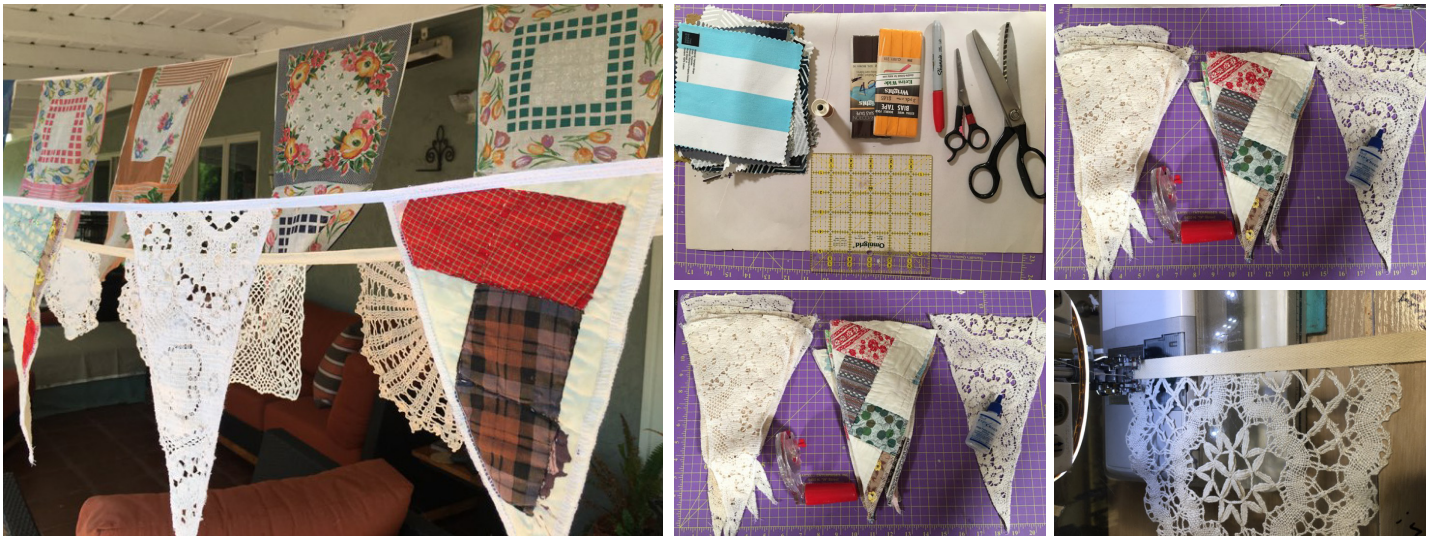


July Project - Decorative Bunting

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Bunting is any festive decorations made of fabric. Typical forms of bunting are strings of colorful triangular flags. Here is a quick textile project to decorate your patio, balcony, or dining room using what you may have on hand. Bunting can come in any size, shape, or color and was traditionally found on ships. Remember to post your Decorative Bunting on Facebook and Instagram using the tags [#stircrazyvam](#) and [#vambunting](#).

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Fabric - vintage hankies, cutter quilts, old lace tablecloths, clothing, men's shirting, doilies, even small baby clothes can be cute depending on your decoration theme.
- Spray starch, iron or hot glue gun, pins or small clamps, wide bias binding or twill tape, cardboard, ruler, scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Spray starch and iron your fabric.
2. Cut a triangular pattern on cardstock or cardboard. I made a 6" X 9" X 9" triangular "flags" but they can be larger.
3. Trace the pattern onto your fabric of choice and cut out 10 or more triangles.
4. Sew a zigzag stitch or serge around the two longest sides of the fabric for a finished look. The edges of the triangles can also be left raw.
5. Pin each triangle at regular intervals along twill tape or on the inside edge of opened-up bias binding.
6. Stitch the short edge of the triangle to the twill tape or on the opened fold line of the bias binding. *An alternative to sewing is to use a hot glue gun to glue the short side of the triangle to the twill tape.*
7. For bias binding, after all the triangles are sewn on, fold the bias binding closed and sew a second time – it will look beautifully finished.
8. Leave enough room on the ends of the twill tape or bias binding to install the bunting on your patio.

TIPS

- If sewing on lightweight fabrics like hankies, sew on top of tissue paper, then tear off the paper after sewing; or use a single-hole footplate on your machine so that the lightweight fabric does not get pushed down the needle hole.
- Also, consider sewing two square hankies together to create a rectangle. These will sway gently in a breeze.