



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BUNTING, GARLANDS AND BANNERS?

(FOR DÉCOR PURPOSES)

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This is my own personal interpretation and information I have gathered as I have created.

Buntings

Oxford Dictionary – coloured flags or paper used for decorating streets and buildings in celebrations.

A bunting is a collection of decorative flags, attached to a string. Nowadays, these flags are made from fabric, wood, paper, wool, ribbon & plastic or created using crafts such as macramé and crochet.

They come in various shapes & themes – floral, animal, transport, woodland, etc.

You can use ribbon, lace, cord to join the flags and add extra décor between the flags – such as tassels.

Buntings are more commonly used to decorate large areas – wedding venue or an outdoor function.

Garlands

Oxford dictionary – wreath of flowers, worn on the head or hung as decoration.

A garland was originally only made from flowers, now it is being created using natural products, such as dried citrus or pine cones. Handmade flowers, pom poms and ribbon or wool tassels are other ideas of garlands.

It is also a collection of 3D décor attached to a cord, ribbon or lace.

Garlands are more commonly used to decorate walls and smaller areas.

Buntings and Garlands can be very confusing, the main difference is that a BUNTING is made up of “FLAT” flags and a GARLAND is a more 3D type of “flag”; both are hung for decorative purposes.

Banners

Oxford dictionary – a long strip of cloth bearing a slogan.

The banner is probably the easiest to remember. It is a solid strip of fabric, paper, mesh, vinyl, which has a special message on it. They are customised for a specific person or functions, such as Happy 50th Birthday Rosa.

Read our blog for more information on bunting -

<https://www.engageweddings.co.uk/blog/creativeweddingbunting>

Download our free Bunting pattern and tutorial - www.rosamaycrafts.com

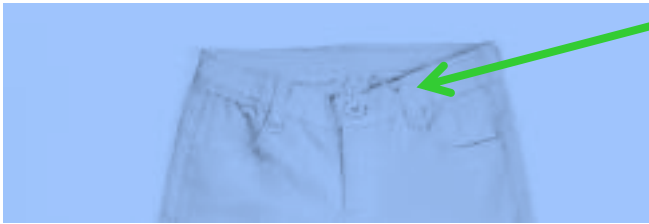
JOINING THE FLAGS.

There are various ways to join the flags to create your bunting or garland.

1. Add button holes to the flags.

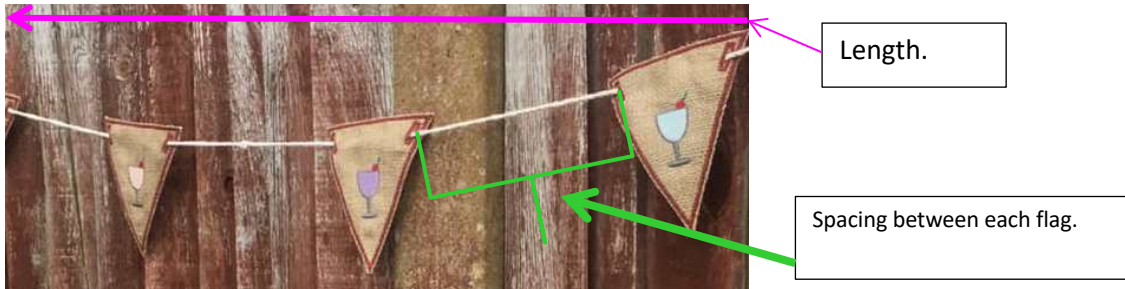


2. Add fabric loops to the back of the flag, exactly the same as your belt loops on your clothing. These can be created by using ribbon.



3. By stitching your rope/ribbon/cord etc to the back of the flag, as shown below in this tutorial. Step 1.

Decide your length and the spacing between each flag.



This is a guideline to measure for the full length of the bunting/garland and the space between the flags.

For this example, I have used 250 cm for the length and 15 cm for the space between the flags.

NOTE: As your flags are handcrafted, they will not all be exactly the same size and you may be left with more ribbon. I always add an extra 5 to 10 cm to my length for this. So I am not left with one side of the bunting/garland shorter than the other.

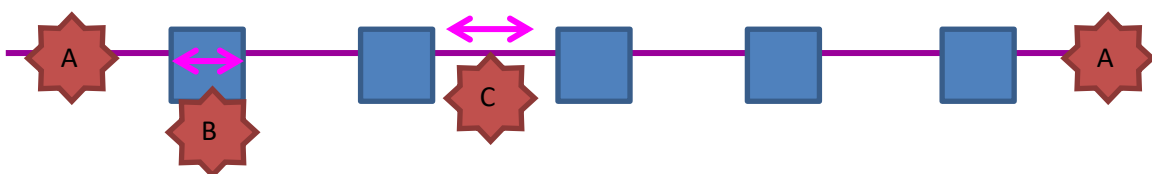
SIMPLE FORMULA FOR MEASURING & KNOWING YOUR TOTAL LENGTH REQUIRED FOR RIBBON/CORD/ROPE/ETC. IS $244 \text{ CM} (A + B + C)$

SIDES OF THE BUNTING (LEFT & RIGHT) – 52 CM + 52 CM = 104 CM - $A = 104 \text{ CM}$

FLAG WIDTH = 15 CM – B (5 FLAGS X 15 CM = 75 CM)

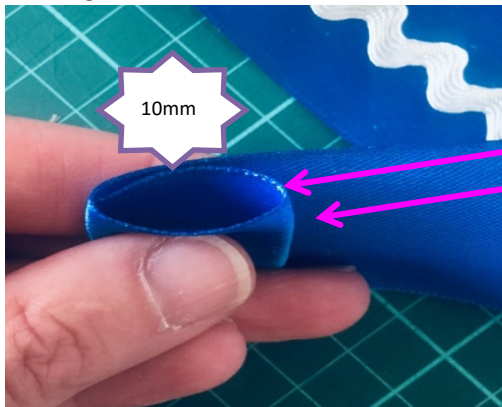
SPACE BETWEEN FLAGS = 10 CM – C (4 X 10CM = 40 CM)

5 FLAGS IN TOTAL.

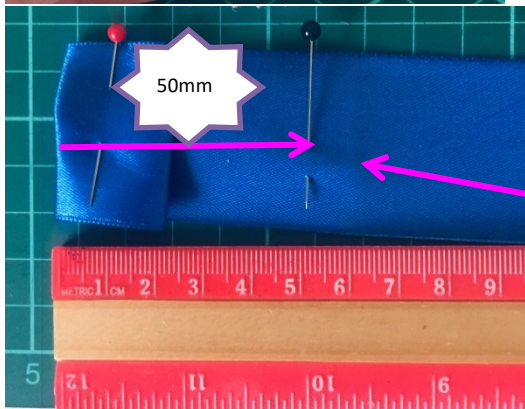


Step 2.

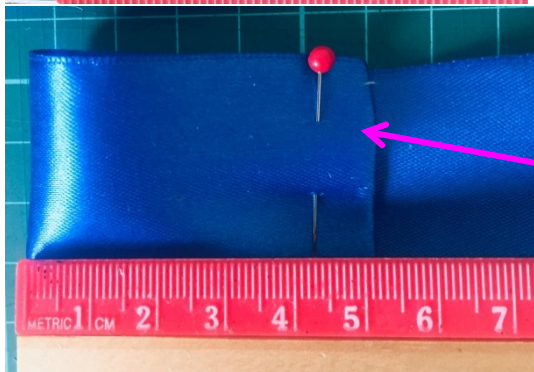
Starting on one side of the ribbon/lace, create a loop, so that your bunting/garland can hang.



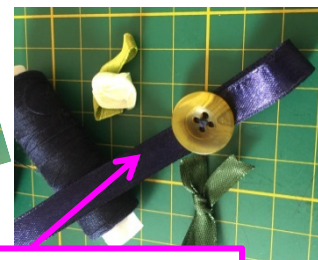
Step A. Fold your ribbon/lace over twice, I use 10 mm for each fold.



Step B. Measure 50 mm from the top of the fold and place and pin to mark it.



Step C. From your pin (Step 2), measure another 50 mm and fold your ribbon/lace over, to create a loop. If you are using cord or have created a crochet chain cord, fold over and tie a knot.



Step D. Stitch the loop in place and add your décor. This is optional.

Step 3.

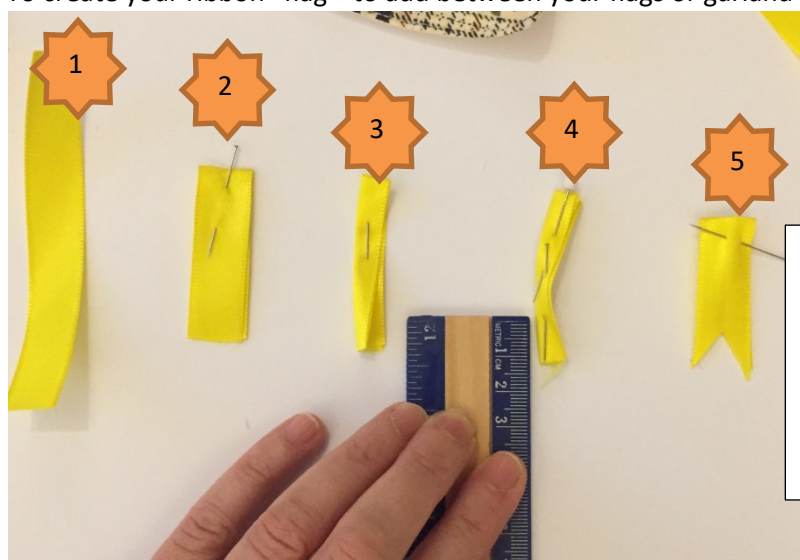
With my tape measure, I measure 40 cm from the “loop” and pin my first flag to my ribbon/ lace/cord.

I then measure 15 cm from my first flag and pin my second flag to the ribbon & lace.



Continue to do this until your last flag. From the last flag, you measure 52 cm and create the loop for the other side.

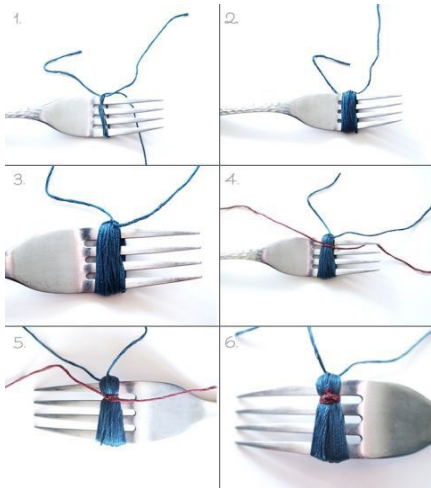
To create your ribbon “flag “ to add between your flags or garland décor.



1. Cut a length of 100 mm.
2. Fold in half.
3. Fold in half again.
4. From the cut edge, measure 10 mm



HOW TO CREATE TASSELS



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Credit – Julia Traverso.

The cardboard width will be the length of your tassel.

I use recycled card board boxes.

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