

Community Bunting

Overview

Bunting is synonymous with English Summertime so we thought what better way to celebrate midsummer than to provide an activity where families can design and create their very own.

This downloadable worksheet will provide you with all the information and templates you need to create a wonderful string of bunting.

Bunting is the perfect way to brighten up your garden, your kitchen fridge or your bedroom wall and always raises a smile!

This activity can be as simple or as elaborate as you want to make it and you should be able to create your bunting from materials you already have in your home – whether that's by using pages ripped from an old book or upcycling fabric from an old pair of pyjamas!

We've created a simple step-by-step guide to show you the ropes of how to make both fabric and paper bunting. So find your materials and let's go...

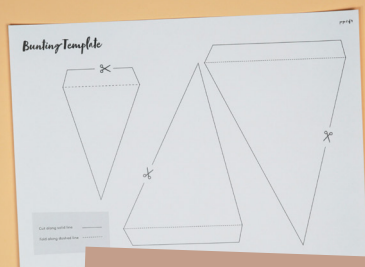
You Will Need

- Fabric (old scraps are fine) / Paper
- Pinking shears (to avoid fray on fabric)
- Scissors
- Stapler or tape
- Needle and thread (if you are using fabric)
- Trimmings (optional)
- Felt pens, colouring pencils (for paper bunting only)
- Our template

We'd love to see what you made – do share your creations with us on Instagram

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Method



1. Making your shape

Kick off by printing out our bunting template. We have chosen a very classic triangle bunting but if you're feeling experimental you can try making your own template using different shape triangles OR completely different shapes all together!



2. Get cutting

Next up you will cut your paper template out. If you are making paper bunting simply place the template over the paper you wish to make bunting from, draw round it and then cut the bunting out! If you are making fabric bunting, you will need to pin the template to your fabric and cut around it using pinking shears to avoid fraying



3. Decoration time

If you are making fabric bunting you can now decorate with trims or buttons. If you are creating paper bunting you can decorate this with felt pens, colouring pencils or even collage old newspaper or magazine cuttings into it!



4. Putting it all together

If you're making fabric bunting you will now sew a channel along the top of each bunting flag. If you are making paper bunting you can now create a channel by folding 1cm of the top of the bunting flag back on itself and fixing it in place with staples or tape. Then finally thread string through each of the flags until you have a full length of bunting!

There you have it, your very own homemade bunting!

Hot Tips

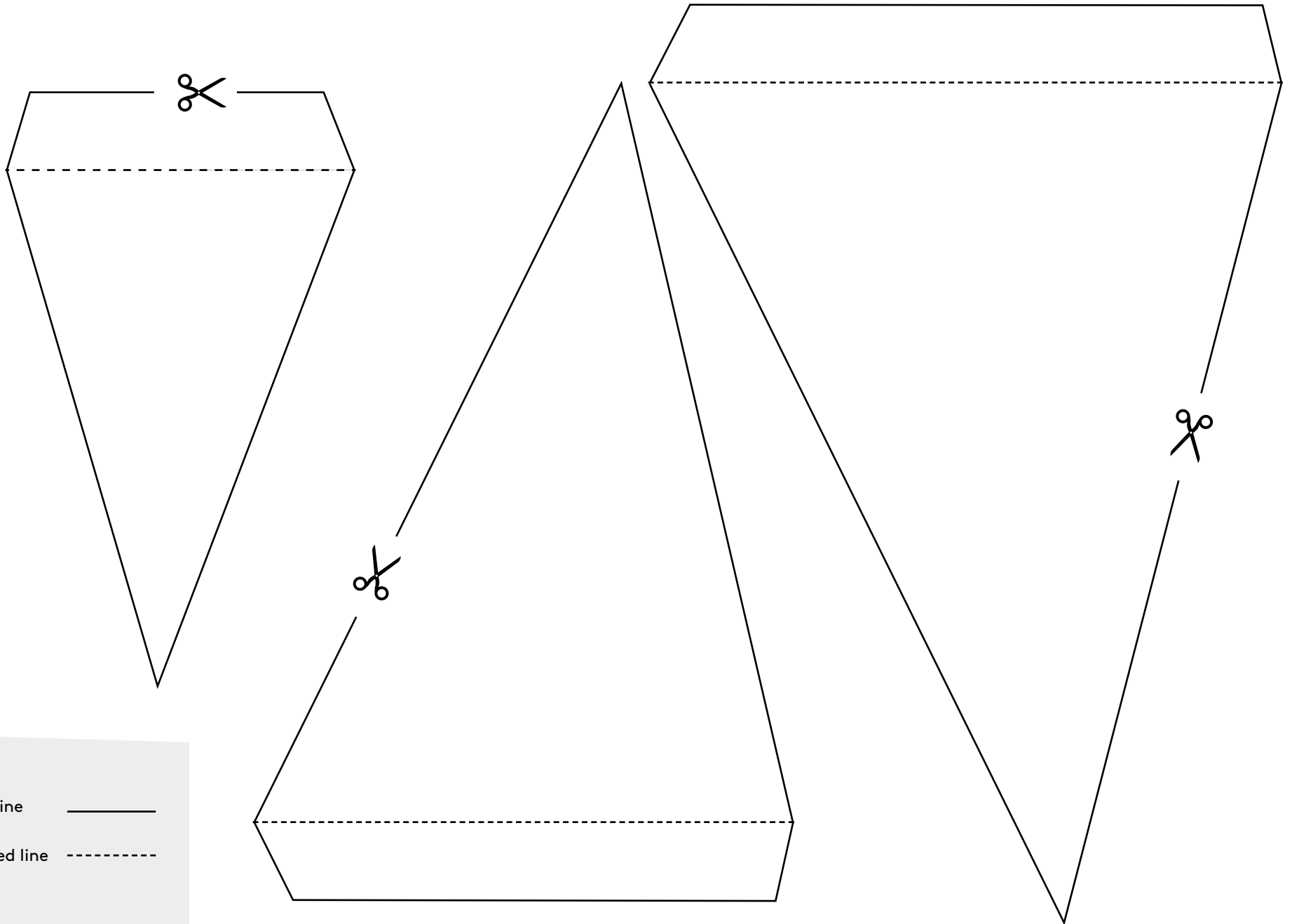
- Feel free to experiment with various types of fabric (not just the twee stuff) try making bunting in denim or crazy patterned fabric
- Using a thick twine is best for threading through the bunting, as it's a bit firmer so will be easier to thread through the channel quickly
- Leave at least 40cm of string free from bunting flags at each end to make sure you have enough empty string to be able to tie it up at each end
- Why not try personalising the bunting by adding letters onto each flag in felt

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Template



Cut along solid line ———

Fold along dashed line - - - - -