



## HEIRLOOM BIRTHDAY BANNER

Perfect to put up year after year to celebrate for kids and adults! Its colorful, fun and a great way to start a birthday family tradition! :)



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# Heirloom Birthday Banner

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Makes one birthday banner  
finished size approx 80"- 95"  
(depending on how it's hung)

### Fabric requirements

\*13 pieces of fabric for the bunting, <math>1/8</math> yard each (or you could get 7 fat quarters and use each piece twice)

\* $3/8$  yard of solid fabric for the letters

### Other supplies

\*Coordinating thread

\*turning tool

\*embroidery needle for hand stitching

\*cotton thread for finishing

\*1 spool of ribbon at least 12 feet long (no wider than 1 inch); I used a solid color twill ribbon,  $7/8$ " wide

\* $3/8$  yard of light weight double sided interfacing; I used 17" wide Heat-n-bond

### STEP ONE :: Cut out bunting

a. With each of your 13 pieces of fabric for the bunting, fold fabric right sides together and cut 1 with the pattern piece

### STEP TWO :: Lettering

(tip: print off 2 of the "HAY" letter pattern pages)

a. Iron your solid fabric for the lettering to remove any creases or folds

b. Adhere your interfacing to the fabric by following the guidelines on the kind that you have purchased. Do not remove the paper backing from the interfacing yet.

c. Pin each letter to front of the solid fabric and cut them out

d. Peel your paper backing off your letters and start by adhering/ironing your first letter "H" to the right side of the first bunting piece. Continue with each letter as you progress through all 13 bunting pieces

### STEP THREE :: Sew together

a. With right sides together (one piece plain and one piece with adhered letter) sew the bunting pieces with a  $1/4$  inch seam allowance. Be sure to leave a 2-3" opening unsewn for turning

TIP: To get a clean "turn" when sewing corners or points, put the needle on your sewing machine down into the fabric, lift the foot and pivot the fabric. Lower the foot and begin sewing again.

b. Clip the bottom of each of the points and the top two corners to remove any excess fabric so that it lays flat when turned. Also, edge clip the middle of the points as well (figure 1)

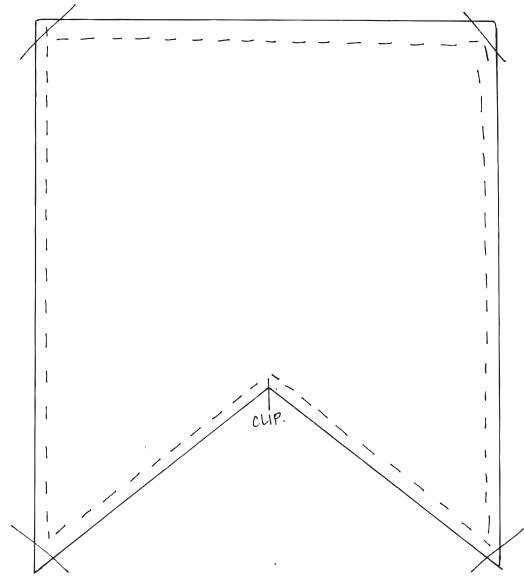
c. Turn the bunting right side out and press flat. Be sure to press the unsewn opening inward so that it gets sewn in on the next step

d. Top stitch all the way around the bunting about  $1/8$ " away from the edge to give it a finished look (use the pivoting technique tip at the corners and points in step a to finish the look).

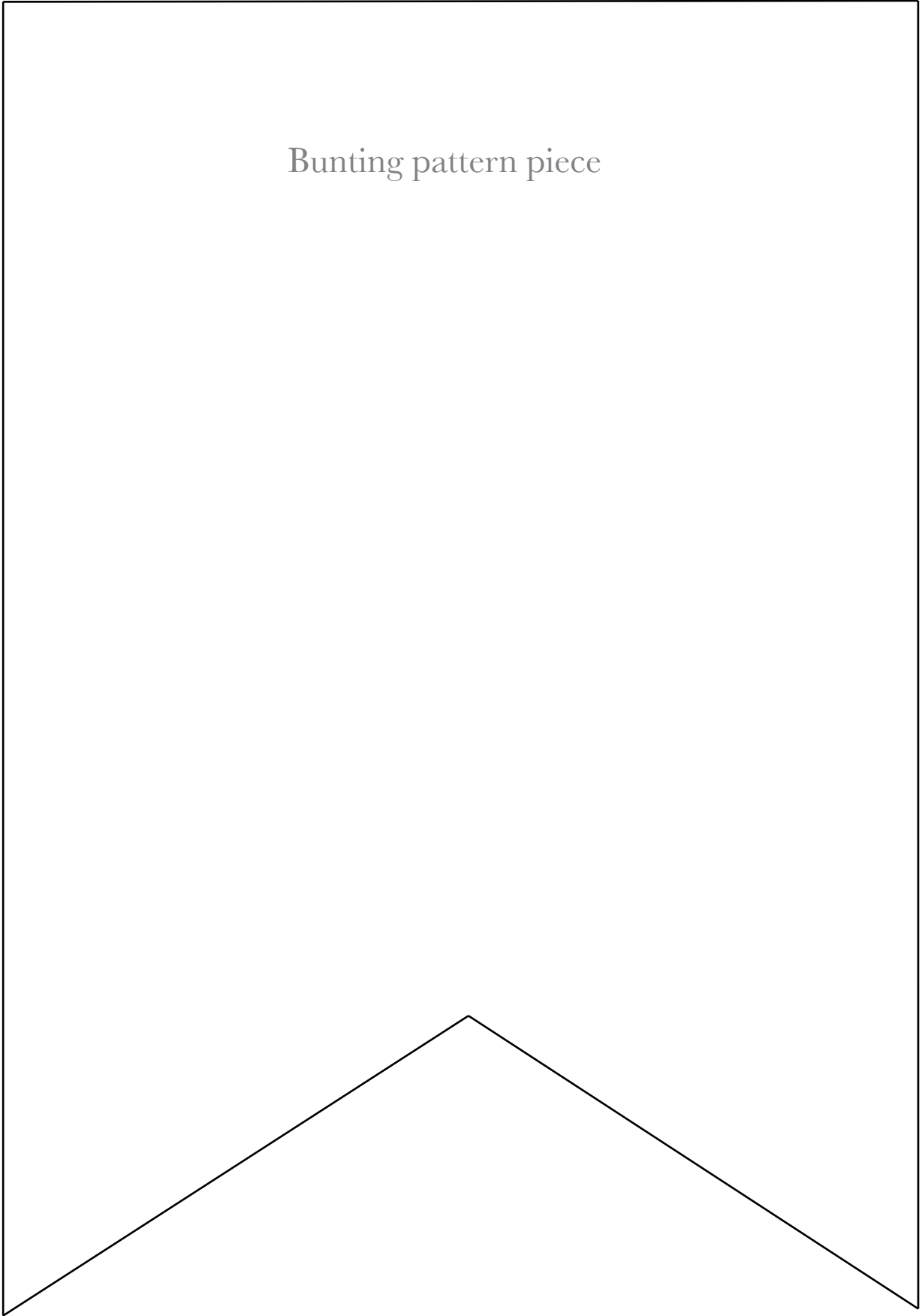
#### STEP FOUR :: Finish

- a. Fold over the top 1 inch of each bunting piece and hand stitch a running stitch on with your embroidery needle and cotton thread
- b. Thread each letter onto the ribbon in order
- c. Trim the ribbon to the desired length (be sure to measure the opening of the door frame or wall so that you leave enough ribbon to tack up)
- d. Cut each end of the ribbon in a "v" shape to complete it
- e ENJOY! :)

figure 1



## Bunting pattern piece

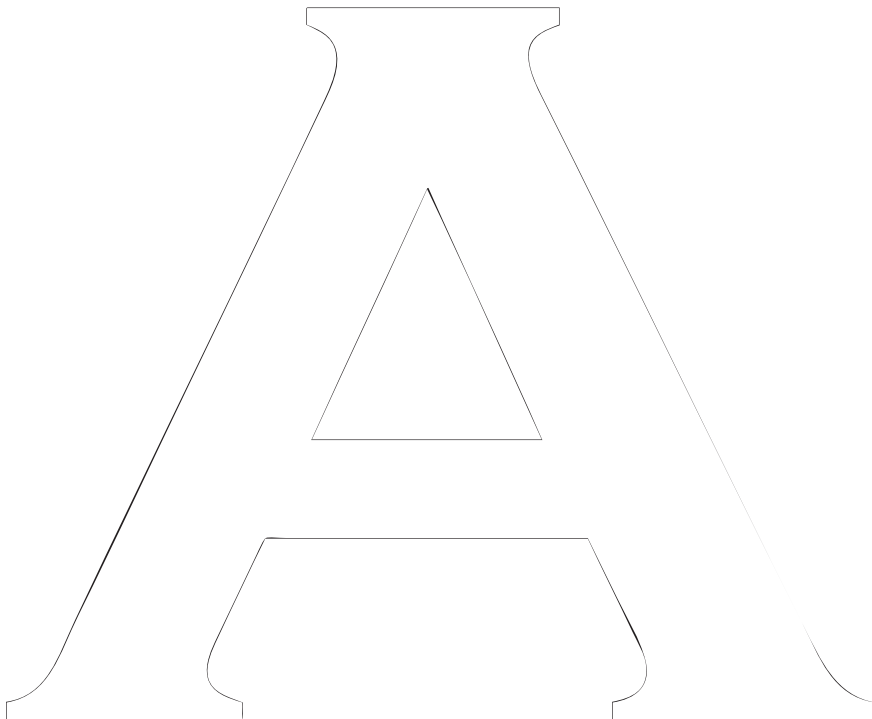
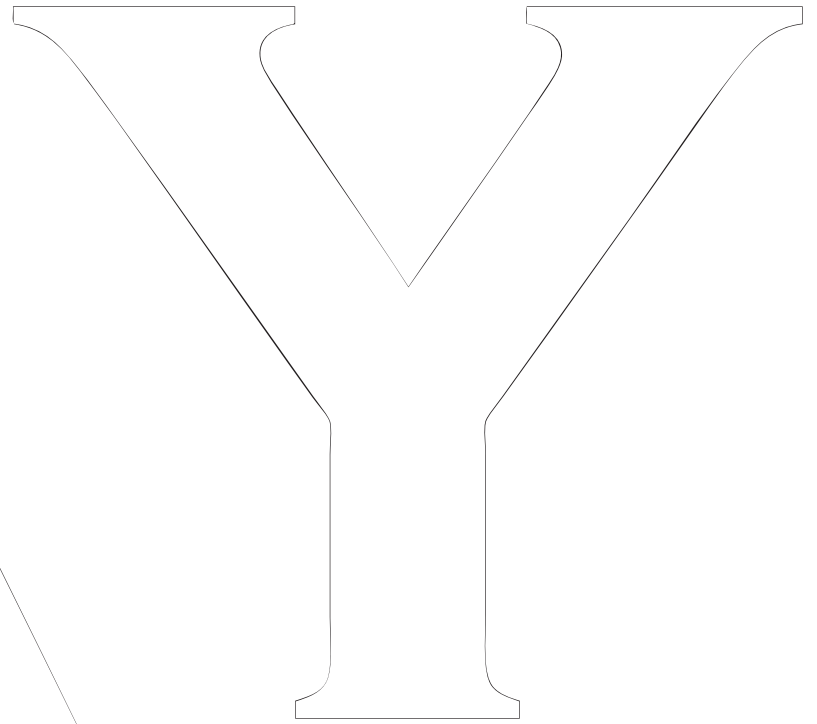
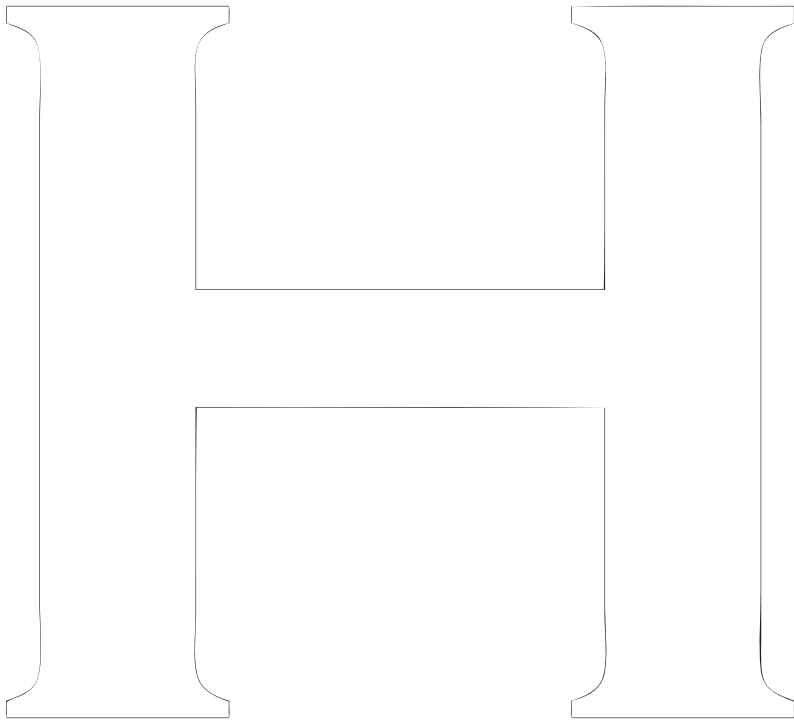


This pattern piece are shown at 100% scale on an 8.5x11 sheet. No need to add seam allowances, 1/4" seam allowance already added.

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