Miniature Bunting

Homemade bunting makes a beautiful decorative gift that can be treasured for years to come.

You will need: sewing thread, a small sharp needle, scissors, a selection of fabrics and some ribbon.

Method: Collect some light fabrics to cut up into triangles. You could use sentimental fabrics, such as old children's clothes, household linen or somebody's favourite blouse or shirt. Find some colours that go well together. If you are making this as a Christmas decoration, adding some festive or sparkling fabric would work well too.

Collect some used (Christmas) ribbon - as long as you would like the bunting to be. If you do not have one continuous piece of ribbon, you can add several pieces of a similar width by sewing them together with a few stitches.

Cut a straight strip of fabric, about 6cm wide and cut this into triangles by alternating the shapes on the fabric. This way very little fabric will be wasted.

Once you have collected a selection of triangles in different colours, lay them out on a surface to design the order in which you will sew them on the ribbon. They can be added in a regular pattern or just randomly as you see fit.

Leaving about 3 cm bare, start sewing at one end of the ribbon, using a small running stitch, but fastening the triangle in place at the start and end with a couple of back stitches to stop the fabric from gathering up.

Continue along the ribbon, adding each triangle in turn and leaving a small gap in between each one. Leave another few cm at the end of the ribbon bare, for fixing the bunting with.







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