

## In the Hoop Pennant Banner Tutorial

Note: Only the banner pieces are made in the hoop. The banner is constructed with a regular sewing machine.



This is what your finished banner will look like.

Begin by putting two pieces of fabric right side together. (photo 1.) You can either hoop stabilizer and save a little fabric, or hoop the fabric itself. The design does not require stabilizer. For this one, I used thin stabilizer to float the fabric that I trimmed to 9x11 inches. (photo 2.)



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After the pennant is trimmed, turn it right side out. You may need to use a turning stick (I used a crochet hook), hemostats, or needle nose pliers (photo 4.) to get the tip of the pennant turned sufficiently. If you have thicker fabric, the point will not turn as completely as thinner fabric. Use care not to pull or poke the point too hard as it will damage the fabric. After the pennant has been turned, press the seams flat with an iron. (photo 5.)



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After you have your fabric in the hoop, run the design. There is only one step to this design and that is the actual sewing, there are no placement stitches. After you have stitched the design, trim the edges to  $\frac{1}{4}$  in from the stitching. (photo 3.)



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After you have all of your pennant pieces complete, arrange them in the order that you plan to put them in from beginning to end. (photo 6.) This will save you trouble as you assemble the banner.

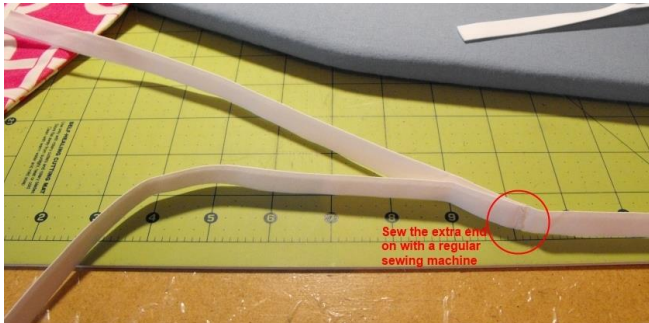


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Begin by unrolling and ironing your bias tape. I used extra wide double fold bias tape. (photo 7.) To make attaching the banner easier (think about tying it to a post, railing, etc), I cut and attached an extra 12 inches of bias tape to each end of the banner so that I had two ends to work with. (photo 8.) Do not put the extra tie on the end of the banner until you are sure how much bias tape you will need.



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Snip the excess seam corners from the top of each pennant piece to ensure that it fits into the bias tape properly. (photo 9.)

Open the bias tape (photo 10.) and insert the first pennant piece so that the corner is next to the seam where the extra tie was put on. (photo 11.)

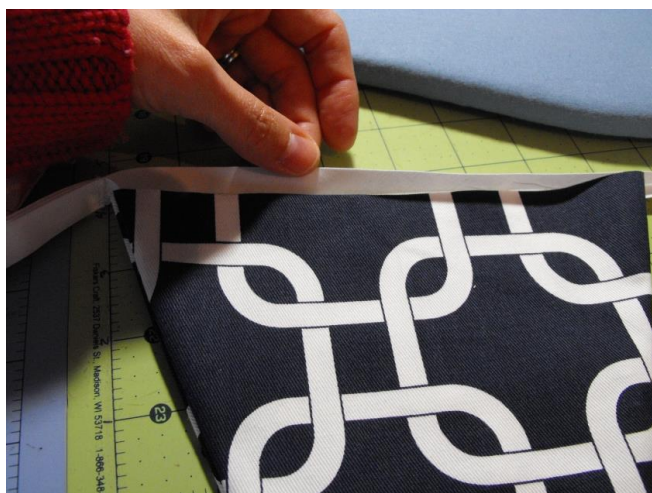


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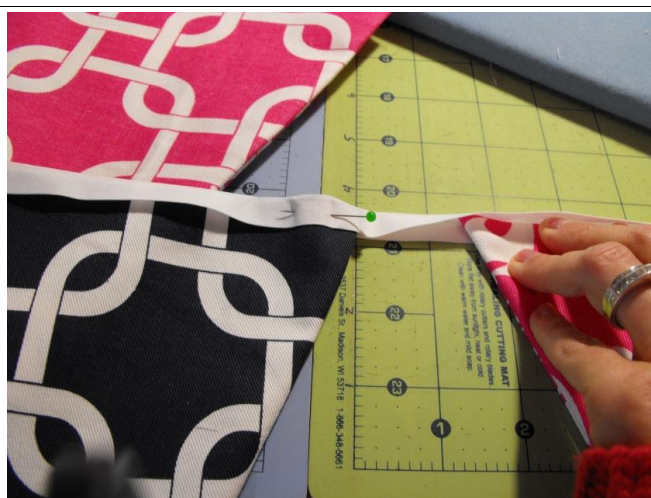
Place the pennant piece in the open bias tape so that the top of the pennant is even with the middle seam. (photo 11.) Fold the top of the bias tape over the top of the pennant and pin to secure. (photo 12.).



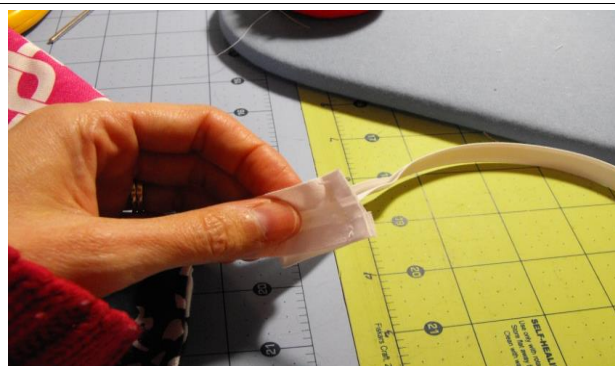
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You will need to decide how far apart you want your pennant pieces. I used a distance of 1.5 inches, but you could put them further apart or corner to corner. (photo 13.) Repeat the steps in photos 11 and 12 until you have all of your pennant pieces pinned inside the bias tape. You may find that you have run out of bias tape before you get to the end of your banner. It is very easy to add extra bias tape, here's how.

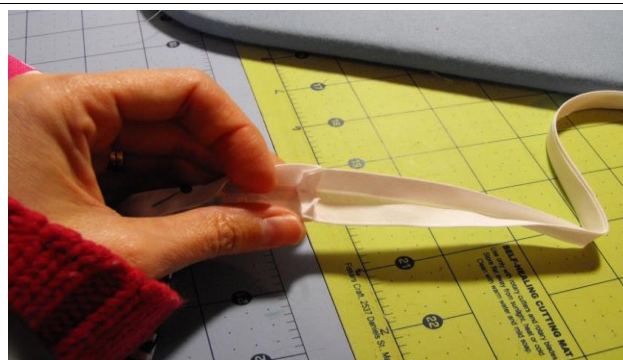
Unroll and press a new package of bias tape just as you did at the beginning. Open the two pieces of bias tape and place the right side of the old bias tape end against the right side of the new bias tape end and sew them together on the sewing machine. (photo 14.). Photo 15 shows what the inside of your bias tape should look like after joining.



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Continue adding pennant pieces until you are at the end of your banner. Cut the bias tape 12 inches past the outside corner of the last pennant to make the tie. Cut another 12 inch piece of bias tape to make the extra tie, and sew it onto the main end of the bias tape near the corner of the last pennant. Refer to photo 8.

Now it's time to sew the banner together. Start at the corner of the first pennant, not at the end of the bias tape. (photo 16) I sewed about 1/4 inch from the edge of the bias tape which should be right down the center. Sew down the entire length of bias tape from the first corner of the first pennant to the last corner of the last pennant. Remove the pins as you go, and make sure that the edge of the pennant stays in the fold of the bias tape but gently pushing the two together as you sew. When you have finished sewing the pennants on, you can go back and individually sew the tie ends of the bias tape to make them nice and finished. (photo 17)



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Here is what the finished banner will look like.



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Photo 19 shows the pieces all stacked so that you can see the nice clean edges.



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