

let's make pennants!

These fabric and paper pennants are easy to make and personalize. I like to use cute, simply patterned fabrics for the flags and felt for the letters. They would make lovely gifts for a child's birthday party, special event, or for no reason at all! Make one or many, it is really up to you!

Supplies:

larger sized sheets of card stock
3/8 - 1/2" size wooden beads
large bamboo skewers (12" size)
white school glue or PVA
fabric of your choice
white or ivory thread
smooth glue stick
sticker-backed felt **OR**
felt and double-stick fusible web
white card stock
white thread

Tools:

large kitchen knife
cutting board
printer
sharp new exacto knife
sharp fabric scissors
ruler
cutting mat
iron
sewing machine

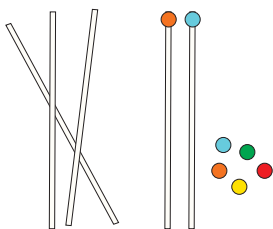
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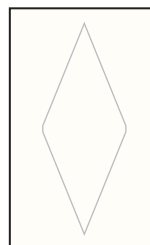


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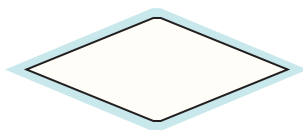
1. Using a large kitchen knife and cutting board, trim off the sharp edges of your bamboo skewers. Glue the wooden beads onto the ends, wiping away any excess glue. Place them in a jar and set aside to dry.



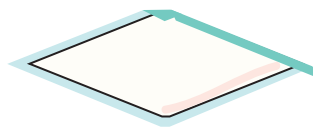
2. Print the pennant template out onto a sheet of legal-sized (8.5 x 14") card stock. If you don't have legal-size, simply use a larger sheet and trim it down to the right size.



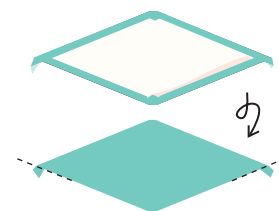
3. Using a ruler and blade, cut out your pennant shape. If you want to make multiple pennants, mark it as "template", and keep it to use as a tracer.



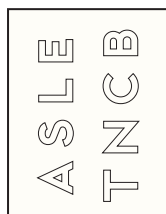
4. Iron your fabric. Using a glue stick, lightly glue a paper pennant shape onto the wrong side of the fabric. Turn it over, and rub it all smooth. Trim around the pennant, leaving a 1/2" fabric border all the way around.



5. Glue stick along the edges of the paper, one side at a time. Fold the fabric over each edge smoothly and snugly, and use your fingernail to press into place. Repeat on all of the sides.



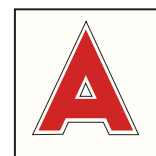
6. When all sides are folded and glued, flip the pennant over. Use sharp fabric scissors to trim the extra fabric ends off of the 2 flag points.



7. Next, type and print out the letters you require on your printer onto printer paper. They will be around 2.5 - 3" in height. (You may want to print, double check, and adjust each letter size accordingly, as each character will vary.)

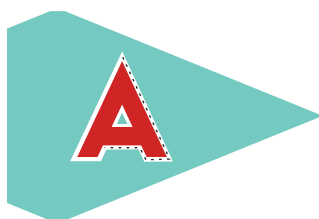


8. Cut out a paper letter, and use a glue stick to lightly stick it onto the front side of your sticker-backed felt. Use sharp sewing scissors to carefully cut out your letter. (If you cannot find sticker-backed felt, iron double-stick fusible web to one side of the felt, to create a "sticker".)

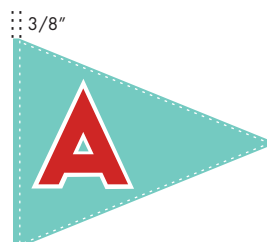


*cut the simpler letters with the straight edges first, leaving the more difficult rounded letters for last.

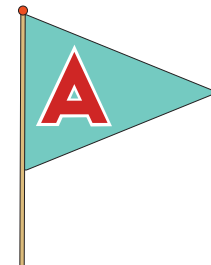
9. Remove the paper letter off of your felt, and then and peel and stick (or iron, if using fusible web) it directly onto white card stock. Using a ruler and exacto knife, cut all around the letter leaving a neat white border (just smaller than about 1/8") all around it.



10. Place the letter onto the flag in its desired location, and lightly glue stick it into place. Using a sewing machine with white thread, carefully sew all around the letter's white border, attaching the letter to the flag.



11. Fold the flag in half - matching the flag points - and stitch all around it, sewing the two sides together. Leave a 3/8" margin from the centre edge for your stick to slide through. (Check this measurement after and adjust accordingly, to make sure your sticks fits snugly and securely.)



12. Slide the bamboo "pole" down through the middle of the pennant, bead end on top. If some of the fabric pushes through, bunching up at the bottom, simply remove the pole and trim it away using your fabric scissors. Done!