Heart *Burlap* Bunting: Instructions



Add a rustic, joyful feeling to your home or next event with this quick–and–easy burlap bunting! Heart–festooned burlap flags are sewn along a line of twine, string or ribbon for hanging on fireplace mantels, railings, doorways, walls or poles.

SUPPLIES & TOOLS

Burlap Fabric (44–45–inches wide)

- For 24 flags, you will need 1/2 yard of two colors
- For 60 flags, you will need 1/2 yard of five colors

Spray Starch
Twine, String or Ribbon
Thread
Pattern pieces (at end of these instructions)
Iron
Ironing board or flat surface spread with a bath towel
Pressing Cloth or Towel
Sewing Machine
Scissors
Pins

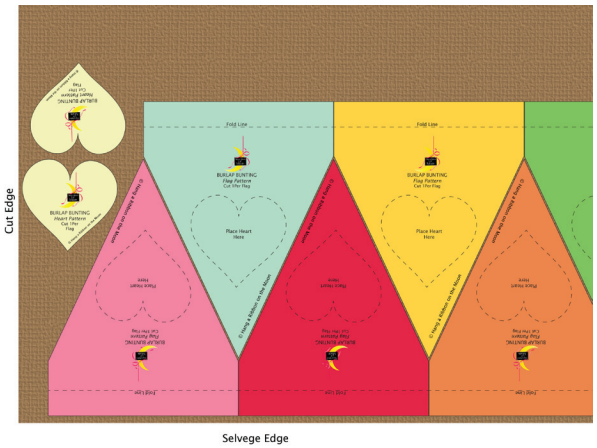
PREPARING THE BURLAP

Starch the burlap before cutting to stiffen it and to make it less fuzzy. Here's how:

1. Heat iron to Cotton (highest setting) with steam on.
2. Spread out burlap on ironing board or flat surface lined with bath towel.
3. Spray burlap with spray starch so burlap is damp.
4. Place pressing cloth/towel over wet burlap. This prevents the hot surface of your iron from getting starch on it.
5. Beginning in one corner of burlap, press down iron on pressing cloth/towel. Hold for several seconds, giving time for burlap/starch to set. Ironed area should become stiff and dry to nearly dry.
6. Move iron to an adjacent area of burlap and repeat.
7. Continue until you've pressed entire piece of burlap.
8. Repeat for all colors of burlap.

CUTTING FLAGS & HEARTS

1. Cut out pattern pieces for flag and heart at the end of these instructions. If desired, you can print 3–4 of each pattern piece to make cutting faster.
2. Use the diagram (RIGHT) and arrange pattern pieces on one color of burlap. You can fold fabric, if desired, to cut more out at once.



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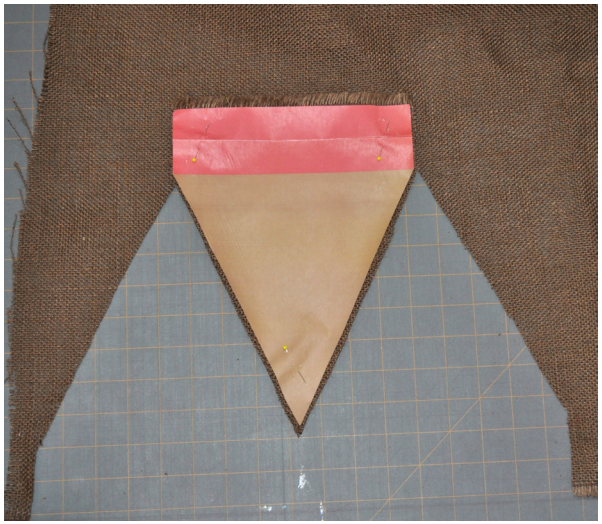
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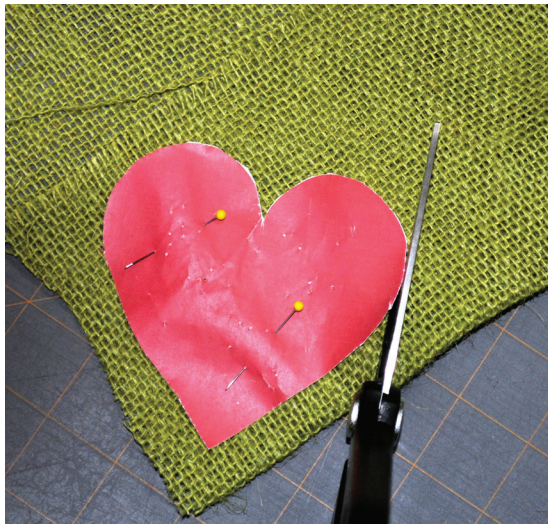
3. Pin and cut flags. Using cutting diagram and steps below, you get 12 flags and 12 hearts from each 1/2 yard of burlap. Cut flags first then pin hearts on remaining scraps and cut.





- ABOVE: Align top of flag along selvedge edge. (I like the look of the fringe so I keep it on my flag.) Cut..
- ABOVE RIGHT: Pin flag pattern right next to where first flag was cut. Cut.
- RIGHT: Turn flag pattern and place it in the space between the first two flags. Cut.





3. Repeat for each color.
4. Cut out one flag and one heart for each flag you want to make.

PREPARING TO SEW

1. Pin hearts to flags.
2. Fold over top edge of flag on fold line and pin to cre–ate a casing for twine/string/ ribbon. When the flag has a fringed top edge (from cutting on the selvedge edge). I like to fold it forward so it will show on the front of the flag. For flags without fringe. I fold the top edge towards the back of the flag.



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3. Stack pinned flags in the order you want them to be on your bunting. We will be sewing them onto the twine/thread/ribbon in that order.

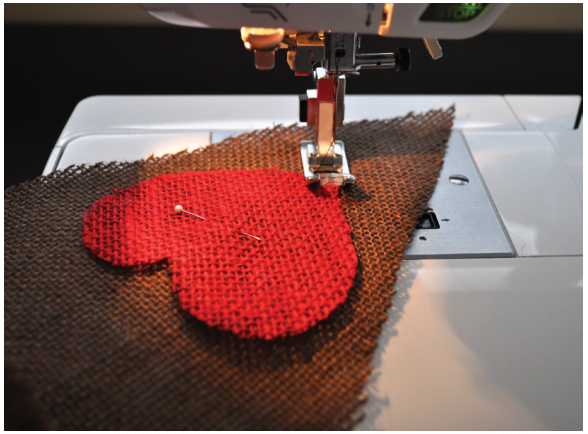


SEWING

I use a wide zig–zag stitch to sew my burlap. You can choose matching thread to blend in or a contrasting color to stand out. I used dark brown thread for all of my flags.



1. Take first flag on stack and sew on heart using a wide zig–zag stitch.



2. Open up folded top edge and lay twine/string/ribbon along fold, leaving at least 12–inch–es of twine/string/ribbon to the right. Below: LEFT: Front fringe. RIGHT: Back Fringe.





3. Refold and pin top edge back down.

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4. Sew down top edge using wide zig zag to create casing for twine/string/ribbon, being careful not to catch twine/string/ribbon in stitching.





5. Safety pin end of twine/string/ribbon to first flag so it doesn't come out as you create the rest of your bunting.
6. Take next flag from stack and sew down heart.
7. Open up fold on flag and lay next section of string on fold. You will be sewing the flags to the twine/string/ribbon one after another.
8. Stitch down edge.



9. Repeat these steps until all flags are sewn onto string. DO NOT CUT twine/string/ribbon when done. When you are ready to decorate, attach end of twine/string/ribbon pinned to first flag to one post and then unwind twine/string/ribbon and flags until you have reached the other post. Slide flags to adjust spacing then cut twine/string/ribbon, if needed.

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Fold Line



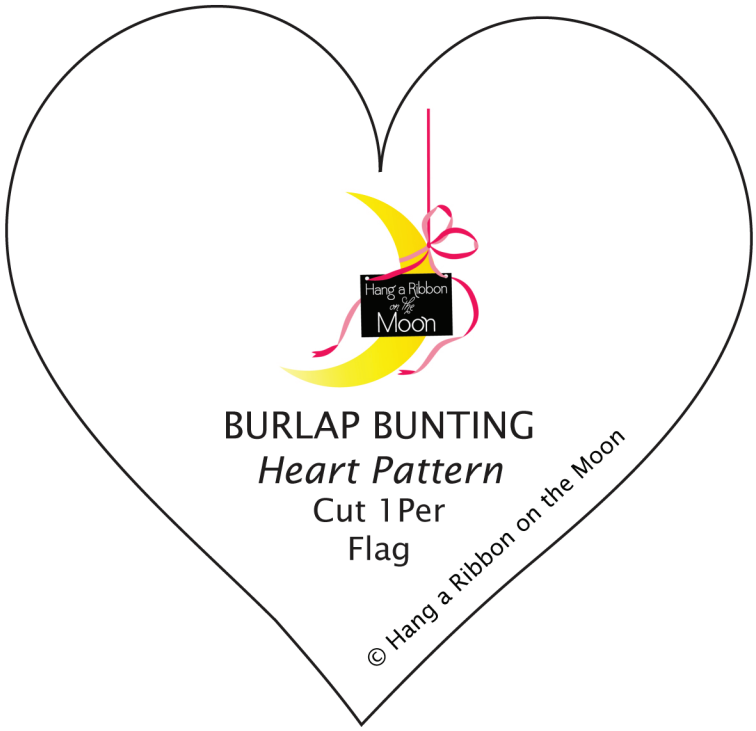
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Flag Pattern

Cut 1Per Flag

Place Heart
Here

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