Beautiful Beginners Bunting

This is a lovely easy craft project for a beginner.

Materials

- Beautiful fabric (half a metre is enough, or you could use a couple of fat quarters)
- Scissors
- Pinking Shears
- A sewing machine (optional - this is a nice hand sewing project too)
- Bias binding (I used a 1.5m length, but you can go a long as you like!)
- Lace trim (optional)

Method

1. Choose some beautiful fabric. I have used a different pattern for each little flag, but you could use the same fabric for the whole project, or why not try two fabrics and alternate them along the line. I love hessian bunting which would be perfect for this method.

2. Make a template from paper. Mine is 14cm along the top and 16cm long.

3. Place your template over the fabric and cut around it, leaving about 2-3cm around the edge. Don't worry if you don't cut a straight line you will be trimming it later.

4. Cut out two triangles for each flag.







5. Take two triangles and place them together so the wrong sides are facing.

6. Pin your paper template on top.

7. Sew around the paper template as close to the paper as you can without catching it.

8. Now trim away the excess fabric with pinking shears along the two longest sides of your flag.

9. Trim the top of your flag with ordinary scissors. This short edge will not show on the finished piece.

10. When you have made as many flags as you want for your bunting, pin them to one inside edge of your bias binding. Leave a gap between each flag (say 7cm).

11. Sew along the length of your bias binding and flags. Take out the pins as you are sewing. You could tack the flags to the binding at this stage. I don't feel it's necessary, but if you find it annoying to keep stopping to remove pins then tacking is a good idea. Your flags are now joined to one side of the bias binding.

12. Fold over the bias binding to seal the flags inside so the top edge is concealed and sew down the length of it.

13. For an extra flourish add a length of lace trim on top.

14. Voila! ... You made some beautiful bunting!









