

Creating a Xmas Banner

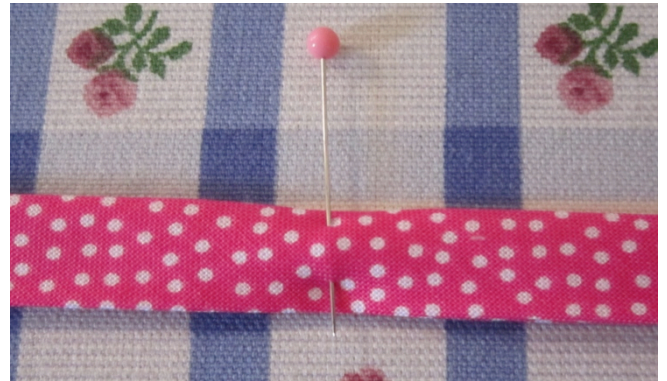
Part Five ----- Attaching the flags

Now we get to the exciting part Putting the flags onto the binding.

How you do this depends an awful lot on how you have designed your flags. If you have a collection of colours and patterns, you can just start from one end (being to sure to leave about 10cm of binding free at both the start and end of the binding), and pin along to the other end. However, if you have created a design (perhaps a name or "merry xmas") then you need to centre your flags.

Fold your bias in half, and find the centre point, and then mark with a pin.

(btw ... isn't my ironing board cover pretty? I made that)



Next, take your first flag, and centre it in line with the pin.

This is the place to think about your flag placement. If you have a word on the flags, you may want to overlap. Alternatively you could have the top corners just meet, or with spaces between the flags. This is where your creative input is required.



I chose overlapped for the name, with points touching for the flags on either side.

Now ... here is where I need you to really use your imagination. You need to close your eyes, and imagine me opening out the fold of the bias, slipping the short edge of the triangle inside, and then folding the bias over the edge, pinning to hold it in place. (I forgot to take a photograph ... my bad).

Take your length of bias, with all of your flags pinned in place, to the sewing machine, and then, starting at one end, stitch with a straight stitch, close to the open edge. As you stitch along, you will catch the flags into the bias.



I didn't forget the ends. At the start and end, you should have a tail of about 10cm long. Fold this tail back to form a loop, and stitch down (this is your hanging loop). A pretty button is a good option here.

And you are done! Ready to decorate a room with lovely colour!

