



2023 Floral Bunting Stitch Along

Final Instructions

Finished Dimensions:

Each finished embroidered triangle is 3.7" x 3.3" (9.3 cm x 8.5 cm), and the bunting is 77.2" (196 cm) long overall.

You will need:

- Your 12 floral embroideries, stitched onto the fabric of your choice
- Backing fabric - this can be the same fabric as your embroideries, or a contrasting quilting cotton, linen, or felt. You'll need enough fabric to cut out 12 triangle shapes (see template on p. 4)
- Lace trim, bias binding or ribbon to attach your bunting pieces together, about 78.2" (198.6 cm) long or to your desired length. I used a cotton lace trim that is 0.9" (2.4 cm) wide and 78.2" (198.6 cm) long.
- All-purpose sewing thread that matches your fabric
- Sewing-machine and/or hand-sewing needle
- Basic sewing kit (shears, snips, ruler, pins, etc.)
- Point turner or knitting needle
- Pinking shears if you have them
- Iron and ironing board





Instructions:

1. Print out the bunting template provided (or make up your own if you'd like a different shape) to cut out your 12 embroideries into individual triangles. The template already includes a 1/4" (0.6 cm) seam allowance, but you may wish to add more if you prefer a bigger SA or if you want bigger shapes.

As you center the shape over each embroidery, keep the seam allowance and the width of your trim or binding in mind (you may wish to mark it directly on your fabric). My trim was quite large so I had to position the embroideries a bit lower on each triangle.

2. Using the same template, cut out 12 pieces of backing fabric for each of the embroideries. I used a cotton/linen blend that matched my main fabric, but you can pick any cotton or linen that would complement the stitching well, or even felt if you prefer.

3. Sew the backing and the embroidery together by placing them good sides together and stitching all around with a 1/4" (0.6 cm) seam allowance, leaving a 1-2" (2.5 - 5.1 cm) opening at the top (along the horizontal part of the triangle).

4. Notch around the three curves (with pinking shears or with regular snips), taking care not to go through the stitch line. Turn the triangle right sides out, and use a point turner or knitting needle (or other similar object) to poke out the corners. Roll the seams between your fingers gently to help them keep their shape, and press in place. I suggest pressing over a soft towel with the embroidery face down, so it doesn't get too flattened or damaged.

5. Repeat for each of the embroideries, until you have 12 backed triangles, pressed and ready to go. You can lightly tack the opening closed for each (by hand), or leave it until you bind them together. I found it easier to stitch them closed first, with a few whipstitches just to keep the seam allowances in place (they should be pressed towards the inside of the shape).





6. Arrange your embroidered triangles in monthly order or in the order of your choice. I placed mine in monthly order, which resulted in: Anemone, Snowdrop, Primrose, Crocus, Lily-of-the-valley, Lavender, Hydrangea, Dahlia, Asters, Sunflowers, Chrysanthemum, and Mistletoe. Decide how you want to space them, and pin them to your trim or binding. I decided to place mine close together, with no extra space between, and added 17.5" (44.5 cm) of extra lace at either ends, to make a string of bunting 77.2" (196 cm) long total.

7. Once you're satisfied with your placement, topstitch the trim or binding in place, using a very small seam allowance (you want to stitch as close to the edge as you can. White lace trim is very forgiving because you can't really see the line of stitching :) If your trim is wide like mine, you may need to add a second line of stitching towards the bottom of the trim to further secure it down. I did this by hand, with a few whipstitches.

8. Finish the raw ends of your trim or binding by folding about 1/2" (1.3 cm) over to the wrong side on either end, and stitching them in place (by hand or machine). And now you have some lovely bunting to display and dream of pretty flowers!



Bunting Template

Template measures 4" high x 3.9" wide (10.2 cm x 10 cm) to create finished pieces that measure 3.7" high x 3.3" wide (9.3 cm x 8.5 cm).

Print at 100% for original size (described above), or scale to your desired size.

