

Bunting Tea Towel



A decorative bunting trim gives this kitchen towel a sweet, yet playful style. Show off your favorite embroidery on the tea towel, then experiment with bright colors and patterns on the fabric trim.

Project Needs & Notes:

- 18" x 28" tea towel or dish towel
- 1/4 yard print quilter's cotton (for top trim)
- 1/4 yard print quilter's cotton (for bottom trim)
- 1/4 yard (total) solid-colored quilter's cotton (1/8 yard each, in two different colors)
- Medium-weight cutaway stabilizer
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Air-erase pen
- Bias tape maxi piping (optional, for top trim)

Designs used in this tutorial include:

- [M3849, Tomatoes and Watering Can](#)
- [M4506, Howdy](#)
- [H6637, Festive Filigree Christmas Tree 2](#)



This project was featured in the following:
[Christmas Gift Guide Lookbook](#)

A template is a printout of a design, and it's an excellent tool for placement. Print the template with embroidery software.

If you do not have embroidery software, [Wilcom's TrueSizer](#) is a free program to use.

Position the template so the bottom of the design will be 7"



up from the bottom of the towel.

Center it between the sides.

Mark the center point, as well as the horizontal and vertical axis lines.



Hoop the towel with one piece of cutaway stabilizer, lining up the marks on the towel with the marks on the hoop.



Attach the hoop to the machine and move the hoop so the needle is right over the center point.

Embroider the design. A size 11, or 75/11 embroidery needle is a fine choice for embroidering on tea or kitchen towels.



After embroidering, trim the excess stabilizer away. Leave about 1/2" around the design.



Next, cut the solid-colored quilter' cotton to the right size for the bunting pieces.

Using a rotary cutter and cutting mat, cut two squares of the same color to 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".



Align the pieces together, pin in place, and sew a 1/4" seam along three of the sides, leaving one of the sides open for turning.



Turn the fabric right side out and press the seams.

Fold the fabric of the open side in 1/4" and press.

Also, press the seams.



Top-stitch a 1/8" seam around the entire shape.

Then, cut the square in half diagonally.

Repeat this process for a total of 7 bunting pieces. Alternate between fabric colors when making each piece.



Next, cut a piece of print quilter's cotton to the width of your towel plus 2". The height will be 4 1/2".

We're working with an 18" wide towel, so the fabric will be 20" x 4 1/2".

Align the bunting pieces along the top edge of the fabric, leaving one inch open along each side and overlapping the bunting pieces 1 1/4".

Pin the bunting pieces in place and sew a 1/8" seam along the top edges.



Next, cut a piece of print quilter's cotton using the same width measurement you used for the bottom trim (mine is 20") by 3" high.

Align this piece of quilter's cotton with the top edge of the bottom trim/bunting piece.

Pin in place and sew a 1/2" seam along the top edge only.



Press the seam.

Top-stitch a 1/8" seam along the bottom edge of the top trim.



Next, press all sides of the fabric in 1/2" to the wrong side.



Place the completed trim piece on the towel 1" below the design. Leave about 1/2" of the bottom of the towel showing.

Fold the sides of the trim 1/2" over the sides of the towel. Pin in place.

Add bias tape maxi piping along the top edge of the top trim. Cut a piece of piping the same width as the top edge of the top trim.

Tuck the piping under the top of the trim and pin in place. Sew a 1/8" seam along the top, side, and bottom edges of the fabric.



This adorable dish towel will add a dash of charm and a pinch of color to your cooking space.

Make for your own kitchen, or give to friends and family members to add flavor to their kitchens, too!

Adjust the fabric and designs to fit your kitchen decor.

This "Howdy" towel would fit right in at any cowboy or cowgirl's cooking space.



Make variations for holidays, too!
This Christmas version is terrific
for your own kitchen or for
hostess gifts.