

# Prayer Flags



Craft a joyous atmosphere with festive patchwork prayer flags. Stitch your favorite designs or embroider each flag with a large letter to spell out a name, occasion, or message.

Read below for these free project instructions.

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## Supplies Needed:

\*\*12-inch-by-12-inch pieces of cotton fabric (for center pieces)

\*\*Small pieces of cotton fabric (for sides and bottoms)

\*\*Medium weight cutaway stabilizer

\*\*Temporary spray adhesive

\*\*Air-erase pen or dress maker's pencil

\*\*Two 1-inch plastic or metal rings

\*\*Extra wide double fold bias tape



**Designs used:**

[A Flowers of Faith Design Pack \(Large\)](#)

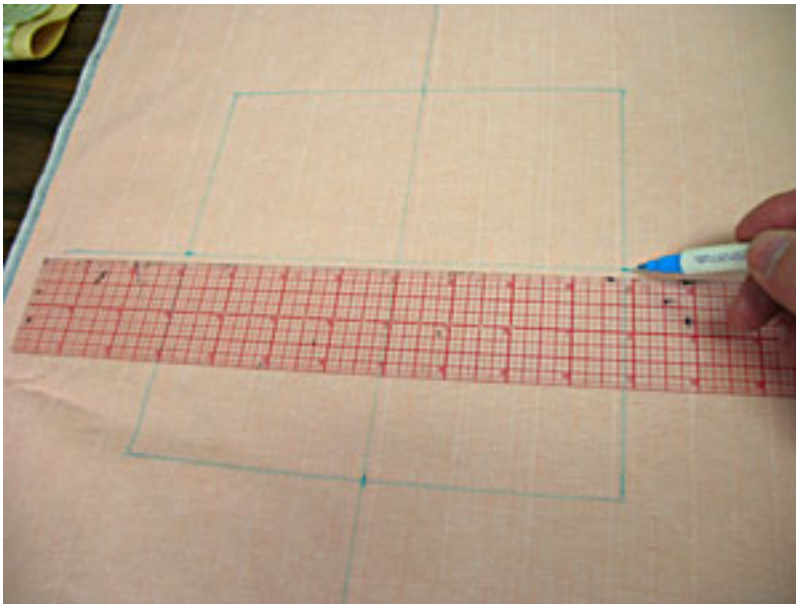
**This design is also available in the following design packs:**

[A Flowers of Faith Design Pack \(Small\)](#)

**Finished Size (single flag):**

10 1/4 inches wide by 10 1/4 inches high

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First, we will prepare the fabric for the center of the flag. Draw an 8 inch by 8 inch square in the center of the fabric leaving a couple of inches of excess around the shape. Then, using an air-erase pen or dress maker's pencil, measure and mark the center of each side by measuring and dividing by two. Draw lines connecting the marks. Where the lines meet is the exact center of the square.

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Create a paper template of the design by printing it at full size using embroidery software. If you don't have embroidery software, you can cut a piece of paper the shape and dimensions of the design to help with placement and centering.

Poke a hole in the center of the template and align it with the center point on the fabric. Make sure the design fits well within the shape - there should be at least 1/2 inch of space between the edges of the design and the edges of the shape.



Spray a piece of medium weight cutaway stabilizer with temporary adhesive and smooth the fabric on top. Hoop the fabric and stabilizer together by aligning the marks on the hoop with the lines on the fabric. Then, attach the hoop to the machine and load the design. Move the hoop so that the needle is directly over the center point on the fabric. Embroider the design. When the design has finished, trim away the excess fabric on the back of the embroidery.



Cut out the shape.



To prepare the side fabric, cut two pieces of cotton fabric to 2 inches wide by 8 inches high. Align them with the sides of the embroidered square, right sides together, and pin in place. Sew a 1/4 inch seam along the outer pinned edges only. Then, press the back seams open with an iron.











