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Halloween banner

Sew version supplies

- 1/4-yard pieces of a mix of Halloween fabric prints and complementary solid colors. You need five different fabrics for the smaller “boo” banner.
- Flag template (Included in this PDF)
- Small, five-flag banner only: One small piece of black felt, 2 yards of yarn in desired color, yarn needle and “BOO” template (Included in this PDF)
- Large, 10-flag banner only: One package of black or gray double-fold bias tape thread to match
- Chopstick or other blunt tip (to help get crisp points when you turn the flags right side out)
- Sewing scissors
- Sewing machine. You can sew these by hand with a needle and thread. It just will take longer.

1. Wash and press your fabric. Cut out two triangles from each fabric you want to use. You will need two pieces to make each flag. (If you're making the shorter, five-panel banner, use the “BOO” template to cut out felt letters and sew them onto front pieces of the three center flags.)

2. Pin right sides of the flags together. Stitch down one side of the triangle and up the other using a 1/4-inch seam allowance. Trim the seams close to the stitch line to about 1/8 inch.

3. Turn right side out, using the chopstick to poke out the point of the triangle. Press. (Repeat for all flags.) Arrange flags in desired order.

4. For the larger banner, find the middle of the bias tape by folding it in half. Mark with a pin, chalk or erasable ink pen. Sandwich flat open end of flags between the bias tape fold. Pin in place. Fold in the raw edge of bias tape on each end and pin. Stitch across.



For the shorter banner, fold the top edge under 1/4 inch and press. Then fold under another 1/2 inch and press. Tuck in the top corners and stitch across the fold line, leaving a 1/2-inch casing to thread yarn through.

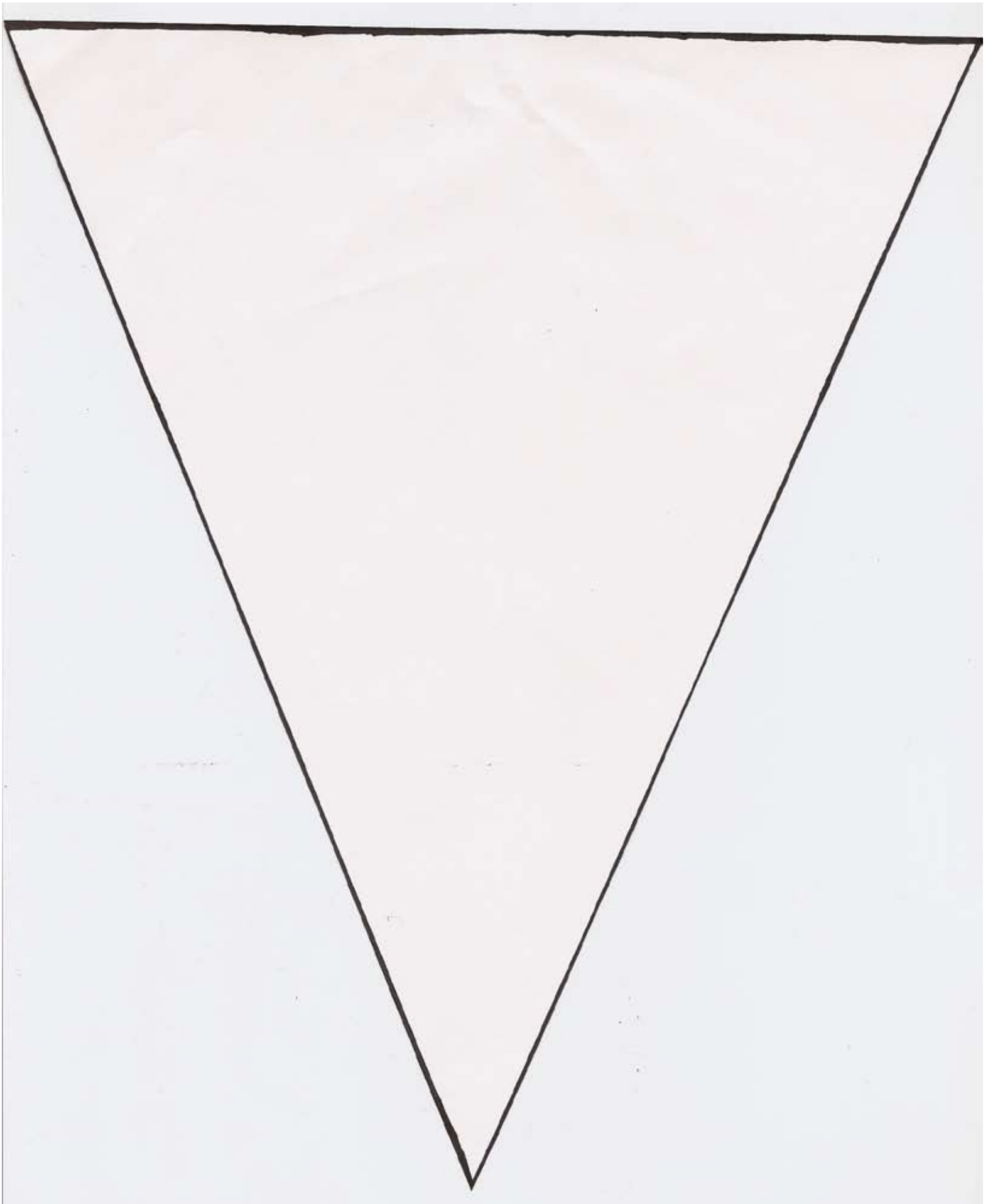
Thread flags together and enjoy.

No-sew version

1. Prepare each triangle by brushing on a few coats of gesso (a canvas stiffener and paint primer sold at most local art and craft stores).

2. Let it dry, then draw your letters on the triangles in pencil and trace with a marker. (Make sure the points of the triangles are pointed down.) We used dual point, Permapaque Opaque Pigment Markers for \$13.

3. Use a hole punch to make three evenly spaced holes along the top of each lettered piece. Connect the triangles by threading a piece of black yarn or string through the punched holes. (If you want to protect your banner from the elements, consider laminating it at a local copy center before connecting the pieces.)



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