



DID YOU KNOW?

The most popular baby names in the US in 2023 were Olivia and Liam.

Make a no-sewing felt name banner

What you need

- Ruler, pencil, and paper
- Sharp scissors
- Felt
- Letter printouts
- Tape
- Paintbrush
- Fabric glue or tacky white glue
- String
- Big-eye needle or hole punch

Instructions

1. Use the ruler, pencil, and paper to make a template (pattern) for your felt flags. It can be a flag in the shape of a swallowtail (shown above) or a triangle, rectangle, or other shape of your choice. To make a symmetrical shape, fold the paper in half. Draw half of the shape with its center along the fold. Cut it out.
2. Trace your flag template onto the felt, then cut out the shape. Repeat this step to make as many flags as there are letters in your name (or the name of the person you're making it for).
3. Print out the letters in a simple sans serif typeface in a size that will fit nicely on your flags. Cut out each letter, leaving some white space around it. Tape each letter to a piece of felt in any color you would like your letters to be.
4. With the scissors and an adult's help, carefully trim out each letter, cutting through the paper and felt at the same time. It's helpful to have at least two parts of the letter taped to the felt while you cut so it doesn't shift around. You can add tape as you go. For letters with a space in the center, like the letter O, carefully poke a hole in the letter with one blade of the scissors, then cut your way around.
5. With the paintbrush, paint a thin layer of glue onto the back of a letter and center it onto the flag. Repeat with the rest of the letters and flags.
6. Determine the length of your banner. Lay your flags on the table, evenly spaced apart. Measure this length and add a few feet to both ends to allow for hanging the banner. Cut a piece of string to this length.
7. Punch or poke a hole in the top corners of each flag, then string the flags together. Hang it up and enjoy!



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