

# Liberty Scrap Challenge 2012



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**Fabric Covered Wire Word & 'No Sew' Mini Bunting Tutorials**

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## Fabric Covered Wire Word

### What you will need ::

**Pipe Cleaners** - nothing fancy, I got mine at the cheap shop. How many you need will depend on the length of the word or words you pick.

**Strips of fabric scraps** - cut these with rotary cutter or scissors or go crazy & tear strips! I (very roughly!) cut mine with scissors at approx 3/8" (but I wasn't too fussy). The length will depend on what scraps you have.

**Glue** - pref something that will dry clear. I used some applique glue just because that's what I had. You could use a hot glue gun too I suppose but watch those fingers!



### How to ::

1. Decide on a word or words. If you want to use my 'hello' it's at the end of this tutorial for you to print out. Write the word out at the actual size you want your finished word to be - it makes forming the pipe cleaners into the word a little bit easier following a word template but by all means go freestyle if you like!



2. Twist your pipe cleaners into pairs. This makes them a bit sturdier to work with.

How many pairs you need will depend on your word or words but as a rough guide for my 'hello' I used 5 pairs (10 individual pipe cleaners).



3. Make your wire word! Use the template you wrote out in step 1 as a guide & start bending and twisting your pipe cleaners to form the word. The great thing about pipe cleaners is they are so easy to manipulate and joining them is a breeze too - just twist together & squish a bit.



Keep joining & twisting & bending until your word is complete.



It looks a bit funny/ugly at this stage but we're about to remedy that!

4. Wrap it up! Grab your fabric strips and your pipe cleaner word and starting at one end begin to wrap your strip around the pipe cleaners.

Pop a drop of glue onto the end fabric as you begin and wrap it over itself to make it stick. Keep wrapping , overlapping the fabric strip as you go so none of the pipe cleaner shows through. Don't wrap too tightly, the fuzziness of the pipe cleaners gives a bit of body to your word so you don't want to flatten it.

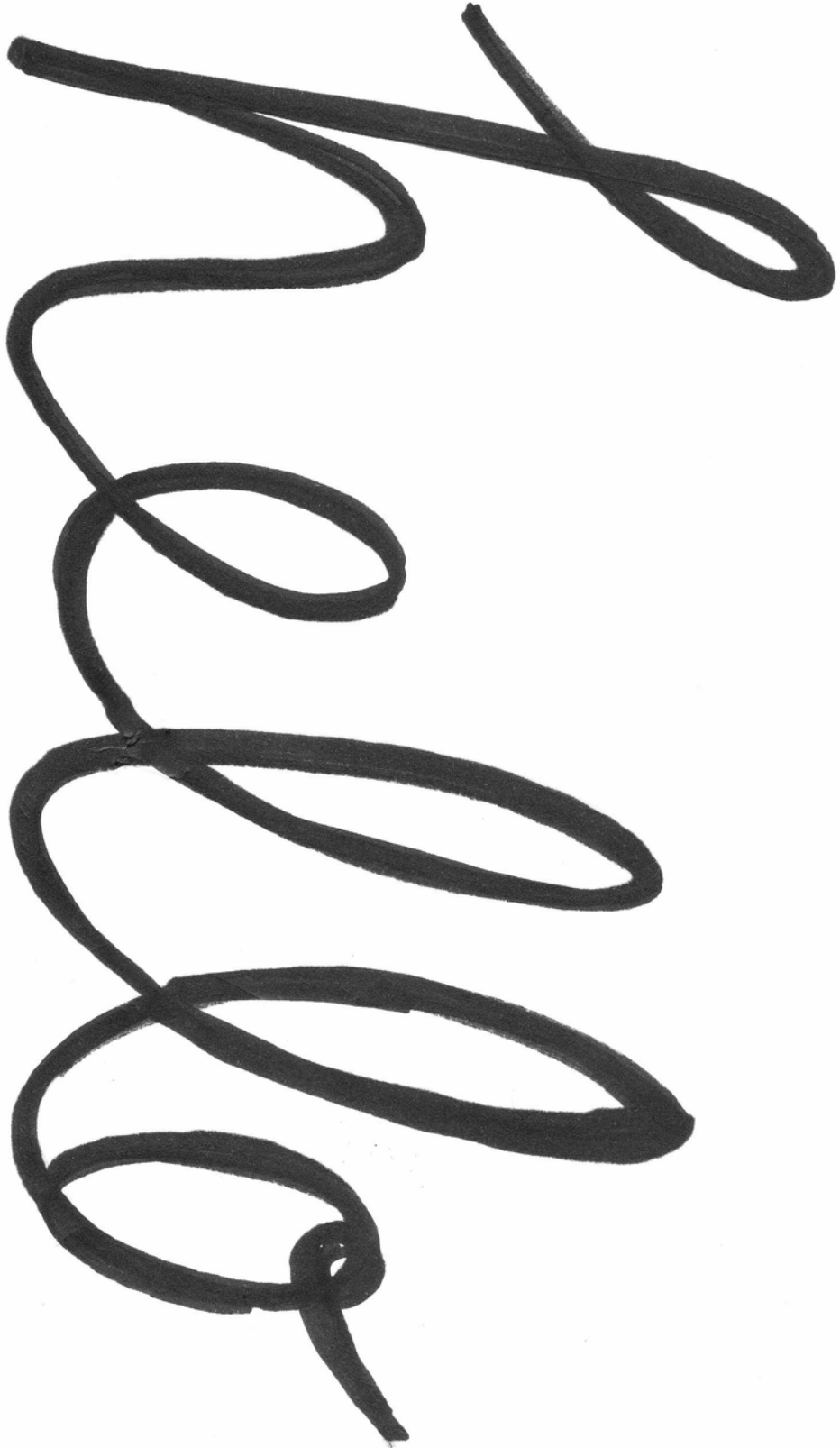
When you come the the end of a strip, dab a drop of glue on the end & wrap it back onto itself to make it stick, then stick on another strip of fabric & carry on wrapping.



Keep wrapping until you get to the other end of your word. You might have a bit of strip overhanging at the end so just chop that off & finish the strip with a drop of glue.



Ta da! Your scrappy wire word is complete! Go hang it up!



# 'No Sew' Mini Bunting Tutorial

## What you will need ::

**Fabric scraps** - how many scraps depends on the length of bunting you want to make.

**String** - I used some rough jute string because I quite like the look of it but you could use ribbon or yarn or smooth string, or bakers twine or crochet cotton. How much you need will again depend on the length of bunting you're going to make.

**Iron on Hem Web** - I'm not sure if this has other names but you could replace it with any double sided iron on interfacing type product.

**Iron**



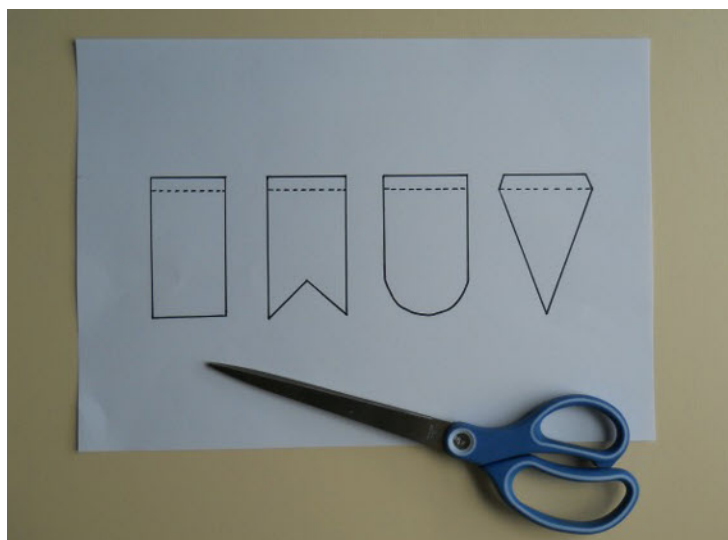
## How to ::

1. Draw or print out the templates for your bunting. I wanted lots of different shapes all mixed together but you might prefer just triangles, or just rectangles or a mix of 2 or 3 or all of them!

I have included the templates I made at the end of this tutorial for you to print out & use if you like.

The dotted line indicates the fold line. Each bunting flag is approx 1 1/2" wide x 2 1/2" long (plus 1/4" to fold over) for no particular reason some are a bit wider, some a bit narrower. Feel free to change up the sizes as you wish! Smaller flags would be super cute & slightly larger would work just as well.

Cut out your template/s



2. Cut out the flag template from your scraps. How many you cut will depend on how long you want your bunting to be. I cut 64 bunting flags (16 of each shape) and ended up with a length of bunting approx 200" long.

I found the easiest way to cut them out was to pin the paper template to the fabric (you can layer up 2 or 3 pieces as Liberty is so beautifully fine) and cut around with scissors. I wasn't overly neat or accurate! We're aiming for fluttery & frayed scrappy loveliness so you don't need to be too perfect with your cutting skills ;)



3 Cut up the Iron on Hem Web into small strips. I cut it in half lengthways then into approx 1 1/2" strips. Cut as many as you have cut flags with maybe one or 2 spare - they are light & almost invisible so one or 2 might disappear in a breeze!



4. Place a flag right side down on your ironing board. Place a strip of the Hem Web close to the top edge.



Lay your string (or other stringy material of choice) over the fabric & Hem Web at approx 1/4" down from the top edge.



Fold the top edge over the string and hold in place with your fingertip



Carefully with the tip of your iron (for temp check manufacturers instructions on the Hem Web or Iron on material of your choice - I set mine to 'cotton') press the fold in place. The Hem Web will fuse together & you have yourself a 'no sew' seam!



Watch that finger!

Flip it over to the right side & give a final press if you like. Not necessary but I found they sat a little better on the string with a final press.



Repeat until you have used up all your flags.

I spaced my flags approx 1" apart - I didn't measure each one, just eyed them in but by all means measure if you prefer.

..& you're all done!

Drape your mini bunting where ever you please :) Someplace that catches a breeze is nice as they are so pretty & fluttery!



***Happy Scrapping!***

If you make either or both of these projects we'd love to see!

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<http://www.flickr.com/groups/libertyscrapchallenge2012/>

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