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Make Your Own Fabric Craft

Susan Mary and Elizabeth Yeats were Jack B. Yeats' older sisters and were fondly known as Lily and Lolly. Like the rest of the Yeats family, the Yeats sisters were very creative and both went to school to study art.

After art school, Lolly became an art teacher and she also made books to show people how to paint flowers. She chose flowers because everyone can go out to their back garden or to the park and find a flower to draw and paint.

Lily however chose a different kind of art called embroidery. This is the art of making images on fabric using a needle and thread. Lily made lots of embroidery crafts that people could decorate their homes with.

Below you can see a painting by Lolly and an embroidery piece by Lilly.



You are going to make your own fabric craft! You can use this bunting to decorate your home. Bunting consists of rows of small coloured flags that are traditionally used to decorate streets and buildings at times of celebration. The word bunting comes from the German word 'bunt' which means colourful, so try and make your bunting flags using as many colours as possible.

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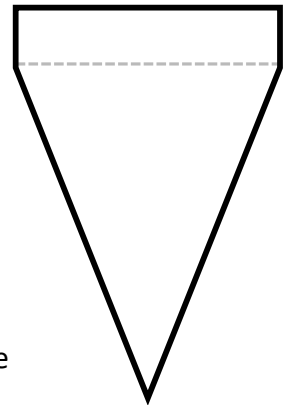


WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Fabric
- String
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Craft glue or needle and thread
- Pen or marker

METHOD

- The first step is to pick out your fabric, any fabric that is colourful or patterned will work. You could use old bedcovers, t-shirts or even an old tablecloth. Once you have found your fabric, decide which ones go best together.
- Make a template for your flags on a piece of cardboard like the triangular shape on the right. You can make it any size you wish to suit your fabric.
- Cut out your template and lay it onto your fabric. Draw around the piece of cardboard on the fabric with a marker. Do this as many times as you can so you have as many flags as possible.
- When you are finished drawing out the flags on the fabric, cut them out using a scissors. If you have a lot of flags get your parents and siblings to help.
- Once all your flags have been cut out the next step is attaching them to the string.
- Leave a long enough piece of string at the start to tie your bunting when hanging. Put your flag face down on the table and place your string along the flag where the dotted line is on the shape above.
- Put glue on the fabric of the flag above the string then fold down the fabric over the string. Hold in place for a few seconds to let the glue set.
Note: If you have a needle and thread at home you could try sewing it instead of using glue, as Lily Yeats would have done. Just make sure that your parent or guardian has given you permission and is on hand to help.
- Once your flag is in place move along the string leaving a small gap and repeat with your next flag.
- When all your flags are glued or sewn in place hang your bunting in your room as a decoration or maybe even outside on a sunny day.



If you like, ask a parent or guardian to take a picture of your work and share it with us. We will post your artwork on our website and Instagram account @modelslgo / #themodelinsideout