



The Hanging Gardens of Dublin

The Hanging Gardens of Dublin is a creative green community project. With the help of community spirit we hope to transform a dreary lane beside Dublin Castle into a dazzling, bunting filled, imaginative hanging garden.

Launching as part of Bloom Fringe 2015 we invite you to contribute 3 meters of Nature Inspired Bunting.

Bunting Guidelines

How do I make bunting?

You don't need to have great sewing skills to make beautiful bunting. The main aim is to participate, have fun, engage with nature, play with your imagination, and create something that is inspired by you.

Really, it is easy to make bunting! To make it even easier we've included a template to help you get started.

The Theme:

Inspired by nature

How much Bunting to contribute?

Please contribute a minimum of 3 meters in length.

Not such a keen sewer?

Use double-sided hemming tape as an alternative to a needle and thread!

When I make my bunting, then what?

- Don't forget to register your interest via our website.
- Closing date for receipt of bunting is between Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th May. We will let you know where you can drop off your bunting closer to the deadline.
- All bunting will be hung for the launch of The Hanging Gardens of Dublin, on Thursday 28th May. We hope who participates will come along!

How to make Bunting

You will need:

- assorted fabrics
- scissors
- pencil
- bias tape or cotton ribbon
- sewing machine & thread
- sewing pins
- iron and ironing board

Step 1:

Make a template as illustrated below, pin it to your fabric and cut two triangles for each flag. Repeat until you have enough flags.

Step 2:

With wrong sides facing each other pin the two sides of the flag and sew. Do not sew the top!

Step 3:

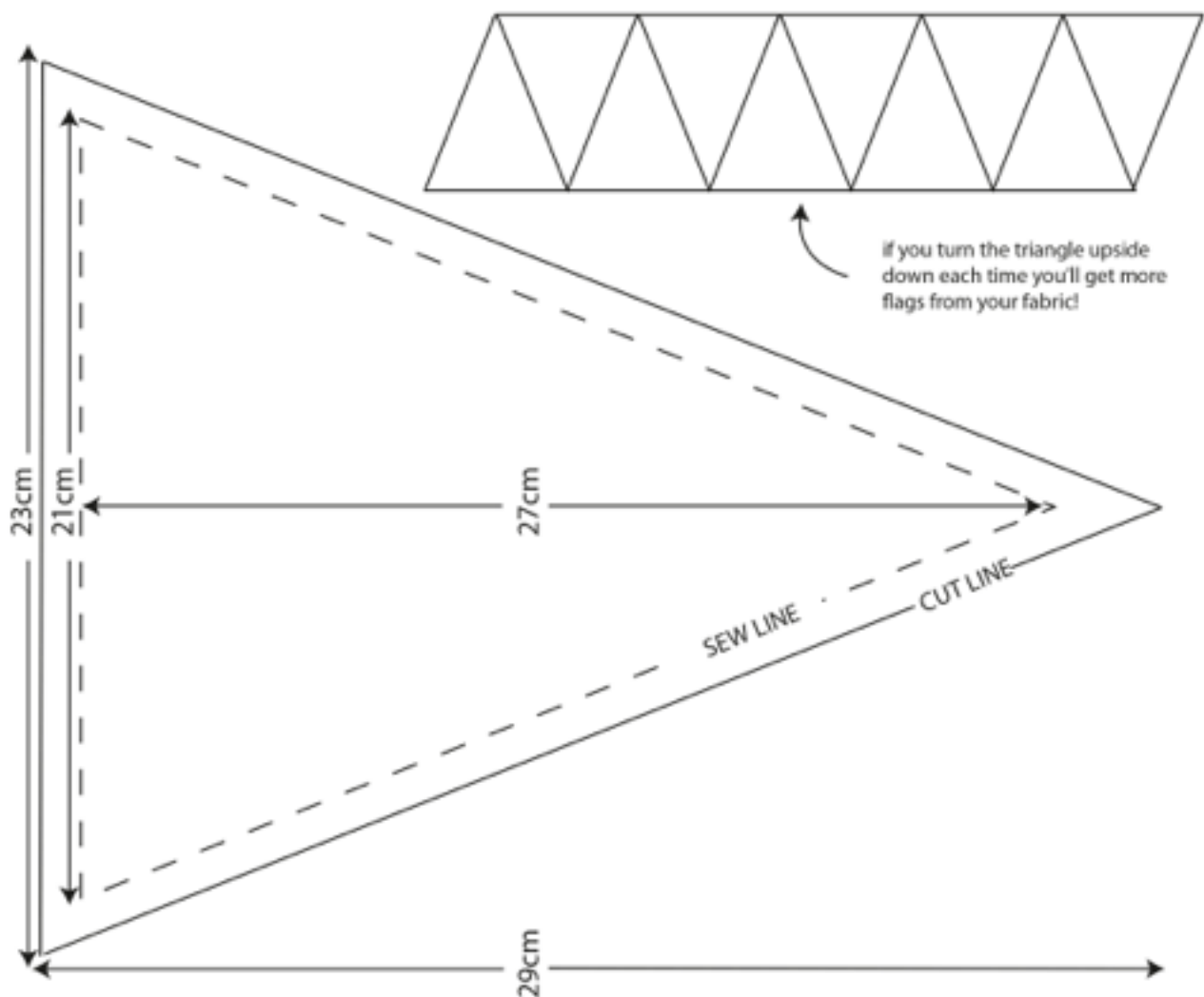
Turn inside out and iron.

Step 4:

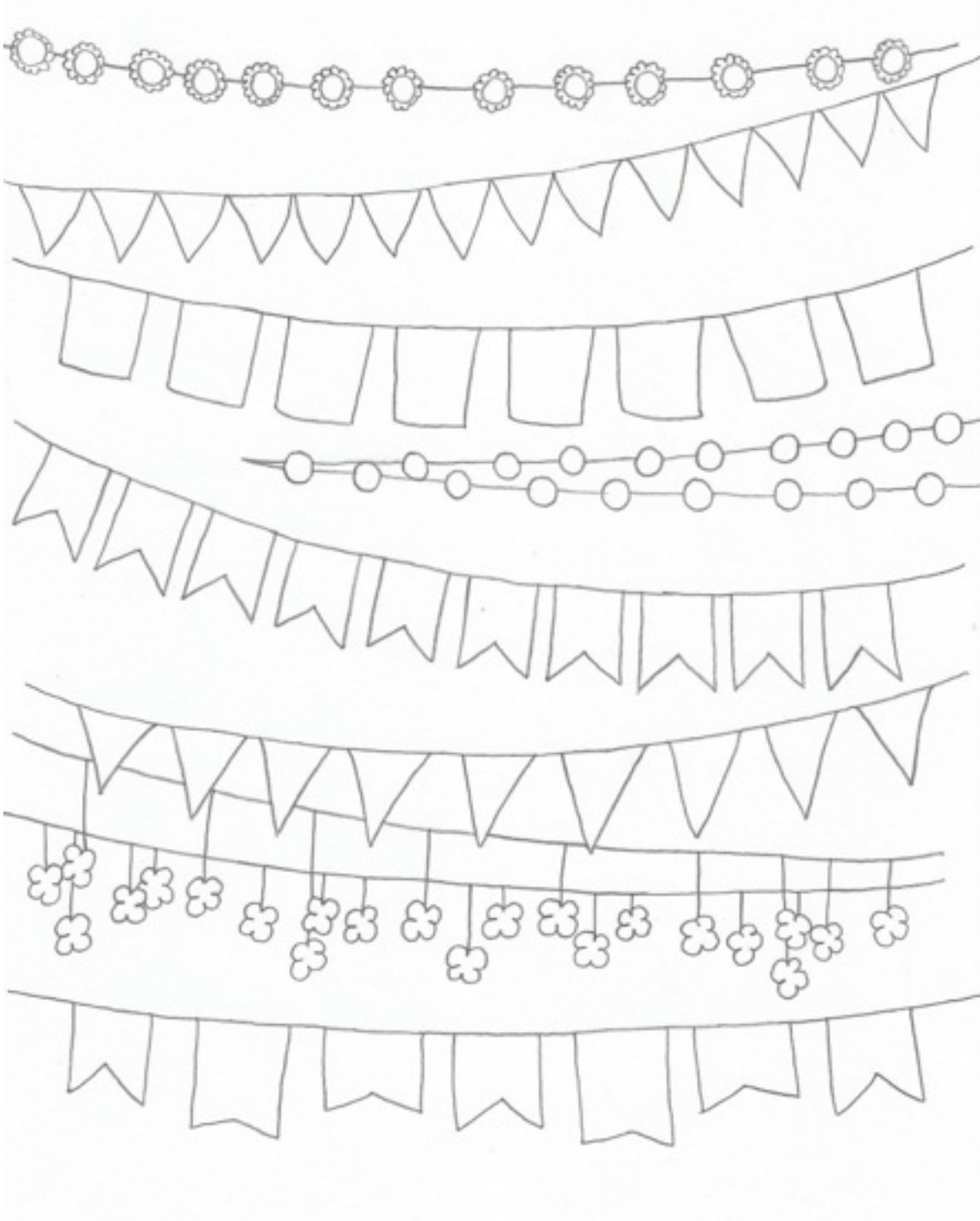
Evenly space the flags along a length of bias binding or ribbon - fold the edge over and pin in place.

Step 5:

All you need to do now is sew the entire length of the bias tap to finish your bunting.



When you look at nature you will find many different shapes, textures, and colours to inspire you. If you wish to move away from the traditional triangular shape we often associate with bunting you can. Below, are some alternative shapes and ideas for you to choose from.



Please note there are many ways to make bunting, and lots of step by step instructions on the internet to choose from.

Important Points

- Bunting (and embellishments) to be made of fabric or other weather conscious materials.
- No glue please! Stitch, sew or use double-sided hemming tape to make your bunting. It can be hung as part of Blooming Bunting for years to come.
- Adult supervision should be used if children are handling scissors.
- Please use measurements provided as a guideline for making your bunting. (unless of course you are crocheting flowers, creating flower garlands or even making pom-poms)
- Your bunting can be as simple or as detailed as you wish. There is no right or wrong... simply nature inspired fun!

Some Creative Ideas

- Create environmental bunting from recycled fabrics, scrap material, old clothes, bed linen, table cloths, napkins, or even old tents!
- Choose fabric with colours or patterns inspired by nature
- Knit, crochet, or even felt your bunting flags
- Use fabric paints to create nature inspired images
- Use fabric markers to write nature inspired words on bunting flags
- Print onto flags using block prints or natural materials like leaves
- Embellish with embroidery, fabric flowers, or leaf motifs
- You could even organise a bunting making party with your family and friends; have a bunting making art class at school; engage your local community groups; or if you know of a craft group in your area get them to join in!

The Hanging Garden Archive

The project will be documented and an archive created. Everyone that contributes will be added to our list of Bunting Gardeners (unless of course you wish to stay anonymous).

For this archive we would love to know a little bit about you. Please send the following information to accompany your bunting:

- Name
- Age
- Where you live
- What inspires you about nature