

## Have a go at ..... KNICKER BUNTING

This is a great way of having a giggle and creating something together in a group.

What you will need:

Small paper knicker pattern (create one using A4 paper or download template)

A4 size paper

Pencil

Scissors (paper and fabric)

Fabric of choice (I have used a printed cotton fabric)

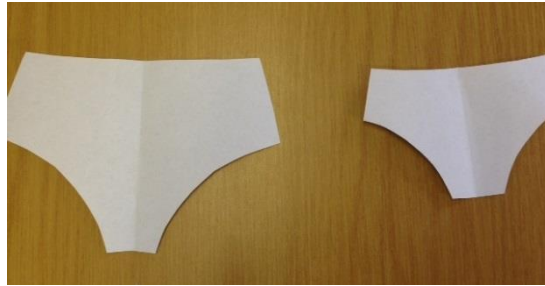
Sewing machine

Thread

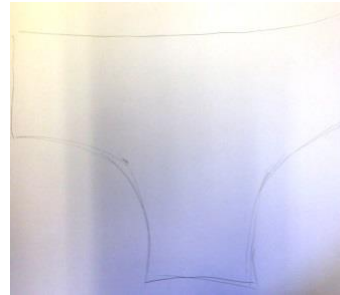
Lace, ribbon, felt and buttons to decorate

Ribbon or bias binding to hang bunting on. (Length up to you. Measure where you wish it to hang and add a good 40 cm each end to tie each side up with)

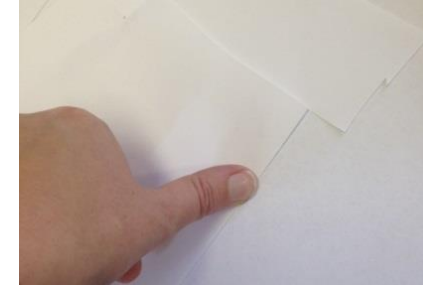
Sewing needles



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Choose your style of knicker, they could all be the same or you may wish to change each one, large and small all muddled up together. (1) Create your own or draw around the template provided. (Click here for template) If you are creating your own draw out a rough knicker shape (approx. 16cm wide at the top) place on the paper and roughly draw around creating an outline, this will create of your knicker shape. Cut half of the pair out and then fold over in the centre and draw around the folded half on the rest of the paper. This will give you a mirror image. (2 & 3) You only need one shape for the bunting as you are going to cut out 2 pieces the same to create your bunting piece.



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This is a great way of using up all those small pieces of fabric that you have laying around or a really great excuse to go and purchase some new fabric! Fold your fabric right sides together and place your pattern on the fabric. Cut 2 pieces of each fabric (you can use all the same if you prefer, I like to mix and match my fabric but it is not for everyone). (4) Keeping both pieces together (right side facing) sew around each piece leaving the top edge unstitched, this will allow you to turn the material through. (5) Make sure that your points are well turned through, creating sharp corners. (6) Turn in the top unstitched edge, you can pin and tack these down or simply press in the seams. (7) Now slowly machine stitch around all the edges, this will neaten off the top edge as well. (8)

Now you can decorate your knickers, (again a really good opportunity to use up all those pieces of ribbon, lace and buttons etc. to embellish your bunting). I had some left over felt pieces left over (from Cuthbert's Coat!) (9) and decided to cut a scallop edge and stitched it on. I finished with ribbon bows (10) (see how to tie a ribbon bow on my blog!)



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12.

To finish lay all your small knickers along a length of ribbon or bias binding (I have used ribbon) and make sure you are happy with the spacing between them. Pin them if you wish to make sure that you stitch them in the right place.

To make them look like that hanging on a line I have only stitched them with a couple of small stitches at each end. (11 & 12) I would love to have used mini pegs to really make them look like washing on a line but I did not have any in my workbox. But they are very easy to get hold of. ENJOY!



If you have enjoyed this why not have a go at making a pair of knickers [click here to download further instructions](#).