



# Parent Guide

## How can I use this with my children?

Follow these craft instructions together to upcycle your old clothes into something new!

## How does this help my children's learning?

This activity encourages your child to learn about recycling and upcycling in a creative way.

## Ideas for further learning:

What else can your child create using old clothes?



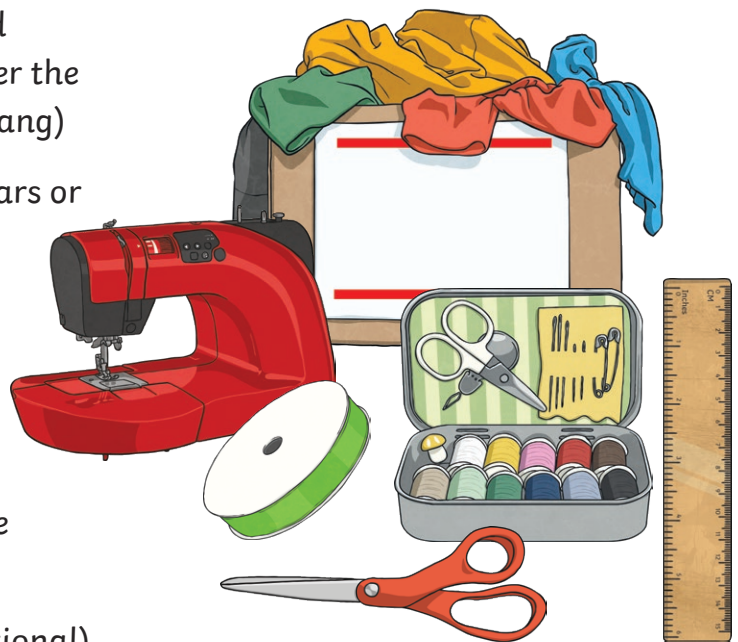
# Recycled Clothes Bunting

Bunting can make a nice decorative addition to any bedroom and is extremely fun to make. Children will love cutting up old clothes and getting creative to make this colourful bunting to be displayed in your home.



## You will need:

- Old clothes (sweatshirts and denim work best – the thicker the material, the better it will hang)
- Pair of scissors (pinking shears or fabric scissors work best)
- A piece of card
- Tape measure or ruler
- String or ribbon
- A sewing machine (or needle and thread)
- A washable marker pen (optional)



## Instructions:

- 1 Firstly, measure out a length of string or ribbon which will be used to attach your bunting flags to.
- 2 Using the piece of card and ruler, make a triangle template to be used when cutting out your material.
- 3 Use the triangle template to cut out flag shapes from your old clothes. You can use a washable marker pen to mark each template out. Cut enough flags to fill your bunting.  
**Tip:** you could use different coloured clothes to create multi-coloured bunting.
- 4 Fold the top of each flag and sew a line across it to form a channel to slip the ribbon or string through. Trim the ends.

- 5 Once all the flags have been sewn, thread the ribbon or string through them. Put a stitch at the end of the channel on each flag to help it stay in place when you put the bunting up. Alternatively, you could fold the ribbon over the top of each triangle shape and sew, attaching the ribbon and triangle shape together.
- 6 Display the bunting to add a unique decoration to your room.

### Hints and Tips

Why not change the shape of the flags to create different styles of bunting and garlands such as pumpkins for Halloween or Christmas tree shapes for Christmas.



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