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SUMMER CONFERENCE

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Workshop C-8

Banners Instead of Leaded Glass

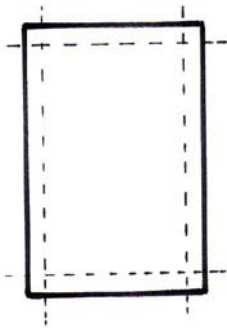
The inspiration for the banners comes from the stained glass art from each lesson of the *Horizons* Bible Study: For Everything, A Season.

I have tried to remain faithful to the intent of the artist in creating 12" X 16" inspirational banners suitable for small group assembly (as in circles), as a part of their study together. There are 9 banner patterns, each numbered according to the lesson that it reflects.

Supplies for each banner.

1. ½ yard **black cotton broadcloth** for the foundation.
2. ¼ yard each of **3 or more cotton fabrics for borders, background and designs.** I chose batik for many of the pieces because the colors are beautiful and they look like “stained glass”.
3. ½ yard of **HeatnBond UltraHold** (a fusible web) to anchor the pieces to the black foundation.

Prepare the black foundation piece(s) –



- Press your fabric and, with the fabric doubled, cut a rectangle 15" by 19". You will now have two identical pieces.
- With a ruler and light colored pencil, mark a guideline 2" from each side of one foundation fabric. We will “iron on” the banner design to this piece. The other piece will be used for “finishing” the banner.

Borders

There are: 2 borders size 1 “by 11 “ (top and bottom)
2 borders size 1” by 12 ½ “(sides)

Step 1: **Cut a strip** of HeatnBond 5 inches wide and about 13 inches long.

Step 2: With pencil and ruler, **mark 4 strips** 1” wide
2 strips 11” long
2 strips 12 ½ “ long



Step 3: **Iron the HeatnBond** to the “reverse” side of your border fabric, making sure that the HeatnBond is inside the fabric edges.

Step 4: **Cut the strips apart**. Measure the strips and cut them to length (11 inches and 12 ½ inches)

Step 4: **Remove the paper backing** and place the strips ‘glue’ side down on your black foundation fabric.

Your ‘foundation’ fabric should be marked with a rectangle 11 by 15 inches. This is the outside edge of the borders you will be ironing on.

With the ‘glue’ side down –

- a. **Position** the top and bottom strips first (11 inch pieces)
- b. **Position** the sides, leaving ¼ inch space between sides and top and bottom already in place. Adjust the length as necessary.
- c. **Iron** the borders in place.

Banner

- Step 1: **Reverse** the banner pattern and **tape** it to a window. You will be looking at the mirror image of the banner.
- Step 2: **Cut** a piece of HeatnBond about 10 inches wide. **Tape** this piece on top of your pattern, with the paper side “up” or facing you. Removable scotch tape works well for this.
- Step 3: **Trace** the banner pattern onto the paper side of the HeatnBond. Use pencil or pen. A ruler is helpful, but not necessary, for the straight lines.
- Step 4: Copy the pattern **numbers** to each piece, and remove the HeatnBond.
- Step 5: **Cut** out the appliqué pieces on the HeatnBond. Cut in the spaces between the various pieces – not on the exact lines. You will do that after fusing to fabric. Group all the background pieces with the appropriate fabric.
- Step 6: **Fuse** the pieces to the **wrong** side of the fabric you have selected for that group. Follow the manufacturer’s directions for this step.
- Step 7: **Cut** all the pieces exactly on your drawn lines. HeatnBond is ‘glued’ to the wrong sides.
- Step 8: With your pattern as a guide, place all the pieces where they belong, making sure to check the ‘numbers’. Now, remove the paper backing and return the appliqué piece to the proper location, making sure that **the ‘glue’ side is down**. Leave about ¼ inch between each piece.
- Step 9: **Iron** the pieces in place.
- Step 10: Celebrate

Finishing

Method 1

- Place the two pieces of black fabric together. Measure $\frac{3}{4}$ inch away from the outside edges of the border or the banner. Trim the excess fabric away.
- With wrong sides together, pin the banner pieces and machine stitch around the entire edge with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam, leaving a 6 inch opening in the middle of the bottom, after turning the corners. This will give you room to turn the banner inside out (like a pillow slip)
- Turn the banner right side out and press well.
- Hand stitch the bottom opening closed.
- Machine top stitch around the entire banner about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each edge.
- On the back, hand stitch a 'sleeve' at the very top. This will serve as the holder for a small dowel rod so the banner can be hung. You can purchase bias tape for this sleeve. Let the sleeve stop about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch before the side edges, so the dowel will be hidden.
- Insert the dowel rod into the sleeve, position push pins on the wall, and 'hang' your banner.

Method 2

- Stitch a narrow hem around the banner piece only. Sew ribbon hangers on the top edge.

Method 3

- Use a glue gun to put decorative black braid around all sides of the banner. Extend the side pieces to form looped tabs at the top for hanging. Glue a strip of beads across the bottom... nice!

Method 4

- Find someone with a serger, and serge around the entire banner. Finish with some decorative buttons or beads or sequins or whatever.

I would love to know how you plan to use your banner(s), and also to have a picture of your finished product(s). You may reach me at:

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