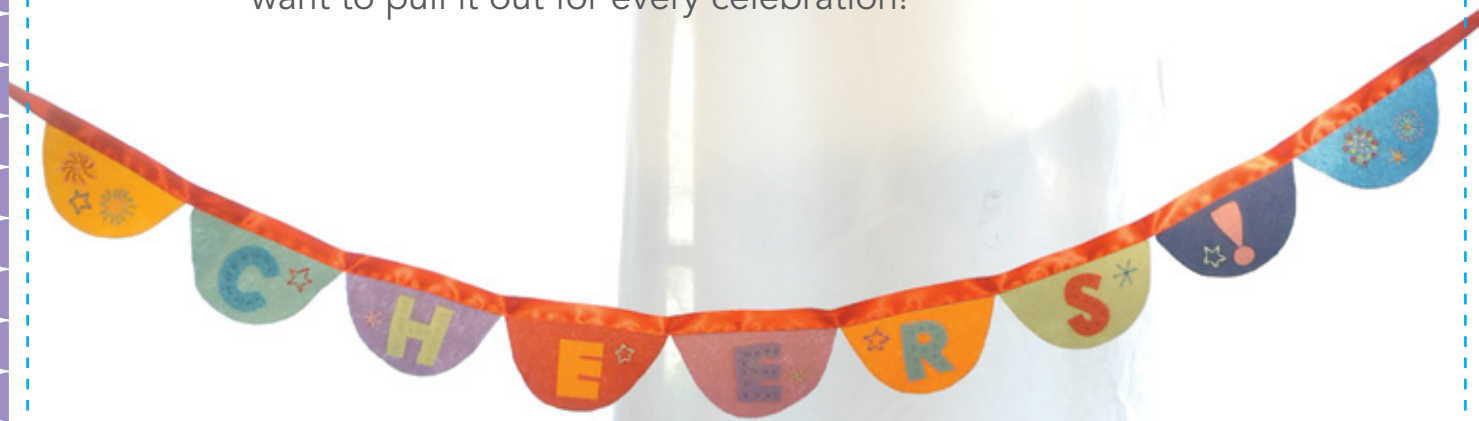


This banner will get your year off to a cheerful start, and it's so versatile you'll want to pull it out for every celebration!



Cheers! Banner

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WHAT YOU NEED

Templates (page 3)

Basic sewing kit (page 3)

Felt in several bright colors

60 inches (1.5 m) of red ribbon,
1/2 inch (1.3 cm) wide

Red thread

Embroidery floss in various colors to
match and contrast with the felt

WHAT YOU DO

1 Using the templates, cut nine half circles and the letters to spell Cheers! from the various colors of felt.

2 Measure about 15 inches (38.1 cm) from one end of the ribbon, and use that as your starting point to overlap the ribbon over the half circles of felt by about 1/2 inch (1.3 cm). Pin the half circles end-to-end along the ribbon so you're left with about 15 inches (38.1 cm) of ribbon on either end. Use the running stitch and the red thread to hand stitch the ribbon to the felt, or you can machine stitch it instead.

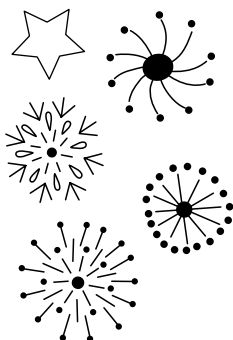
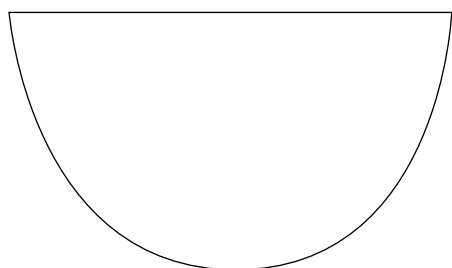
3 Use the running stitch or any stitch of your choice to stitch the letters in place on the half circles, reserving the first and last half circles for the fireworks and star decorations.

4 Trace the fireworks and star embroidery patterns onto tissue paper and pin them securely in place onto the remaining felt pieces. Use the running stitch and French knots to embroider the designs (through both the paper and felt).

5 Tear away the tissue paper. You may need to use a needle or tweezers to pull out little pieces from underneath your stitches. Done! Open a bottle of something bubbly to celebrate.



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CHEERS



Basic Sewing Kit

sewing machine

scissors

pinking shears

rotary cutting tools (optional)

straight pins

hand sewing needles

embroidery needles

iron

ruler

craft glue

fabric glue

fabric pen

tissue or tracing paper

