

Pretty Panel Banner



Supplies:

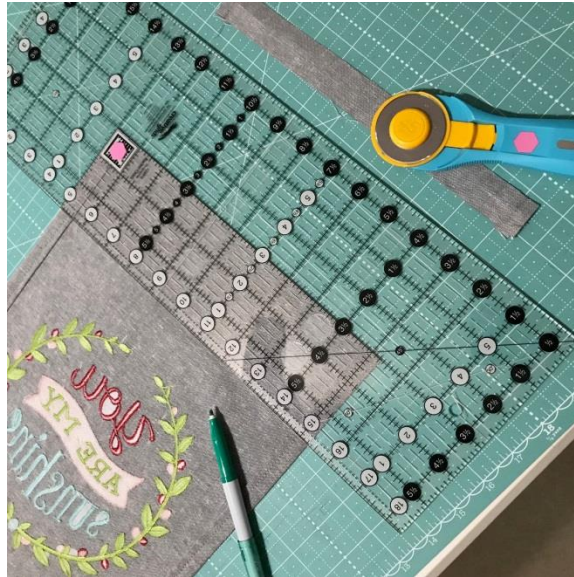
- Pillow and Bag Front Panel
- (2) ½" diameter dowels cut to 12" (or you can buy them precut to that length at Michaels)
- 1 yard bakers twine
- Coordinating thread

Assembly:

The design on your panel should already be centered, and you will want to trim 3" off of both the left and the right side, do not trim the top or bottom edge – those will be trimmed later. Once the panel is trimmed, fold in each side just shy of ½" and press, then fold your pressed edges in another ½" and press again, enclosing the raw edges as pictured below



Using the lip of a quarter inch foot as a guide, sew down each folded side with coordinating thread. Now you are ready to make the top and bottom pockets for your wooden dowels- the bottom dowel is optional, but I feel like the banner hangs nicer with the extra weight on the bottom.



First trim 1" off of the unhemmed bottom edge of your panel, then measure 3" from the cut edge and make a mark with a heat erase pen (I use Frixion markers) or whatever marking method you prefer. Repeat the same process of trimming and marking for the top edge.



Take your marked panel to the ironing board, and iron each raw edge under by $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press, making sure to not accidentally erase your marks from the previous step with the hot iron. Then align the folded edge with the marks and pin in place, do not iron in place or you will have an ugly ridge when you insert the dowels.



Again using the lip on your quarter inch foot as a guide, sew down the folded edge on the top of the panel, taking care to remove pins as they get close to the needle.



Repeat the same process for the bottom edge and you should have a panel that looks like the one above.



Now insert a ½" diameter dowel that is 12" long in the top and bottom rod pocket that you have just created, then using bakers twine, make a couple of wraps around the dowel, tie a sturdy knot on the backside of the banner and cut off the loose ends. Your Pretty Panel Banner is now complete!