

RXR JR. TASSEL BANNER approx. 14" x 35" plus 5" tassel

All Row by Row Junior™ patterns are designed to be completed with the help of an adult sewing coach. All rotary cutting should be done by an adult.



Materials Needed

3/8 yard fabric for borders and hanging sleeves (avoid one-way prints)
 1/2 yard fabric for backing
 1/2 yard lightweight fusible fleece like Pellon 987F
 One completed 12" x 27" size Row by Row Junior™ row

Plus:

12"-16" dowel rod for hanging
*****For Tassel:** Yarn, 5" square piece of cardboard, a safety pin, Purple Thang, and a zipper foot for your machine.
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*****Banner can be made without the tassel.**

Cutting Instructions All rotary cutting is done by an adult.

From border and hanging sleeve fabric:

First Cut 1: 10-3/4" square. Cut in half diagonally. Set aside.

Cut 2: 1-1/2" x 27-1/2" strips for side borders

Cut 1: 1-1/2" x 14-1/2" strip for top border

Cut 2: 3" x 7-1/2" rectangles for back hanging sleeves

From backing fabric: Cut 2: 17" x 20" rectangles

Assembly Instructions

>>>1. Add the 1-1/2" border strips, sides first and then top. Press toward the borders.



>>>3. Fold the bottom edge of the row unit in half and finger pinch the edge to mark the center. Do the same to long edge of the bottom triangle.

>>>4. Place the triangle, right sides together, on the completed row unit matching the pinch marks and bottom edges even. Pin. (The triangle will be slightly longer than the row edge.) Sew along the bottom edge with a quarter inch seam. Press to the triangle.

>>>5. Fuse lightweight fleece to the back of the banner front by placing the fleece, fusible side up, on the ironing board. Then place the banner front, right side up, on top of the fleece. Using a steam iron, lightly fuse the layers together being careful not to let the iron touch the exposed fleece edges. After fusing, ask your coach to carefully trim away the excess fleece even with the banner edges. Press again to fuse the edges.



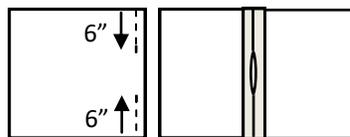
>>>6. Make the hanging sleeves by folding the short edges of the two rectangles 1/2" to the wrong side. Press. Fold in 1/2" again and press. Stitch along the inner fold edge as shown.



>>>7. Place the hanging sleeves along the top edge of the banner, right sides together and edges even, as shown. Outer edges of the sleeves should be even with the side border seams. Pin and baste in place. (The split sleeve allows for a single hanging nail or hook.)

>>>8. Prepare the backing by placing the two backing rectangles right sides together and edges even. Pin the two layers together along the right side of the 17" edge.

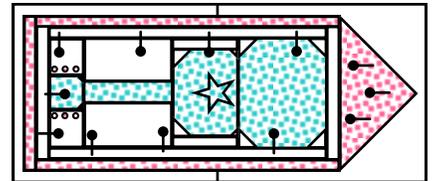
>>>9. Mark 6" from the top and 6" from the bottom. Stitch, using a 1/2" seam, to each mark. Back stitch at the marks. Press the seam allowances open as shown.



>>>10. Place the backing, right side up, on a rotary cutting mat. Layer the banner front on top of the backing with the wrong side up. The backing will be larger than the front. Center the front on the back. Hanging sleeves should be smooth and concealed inside. Pin the layers together as shown in the next step.

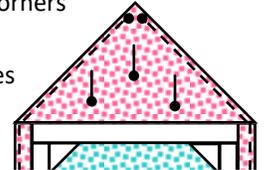
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>>>11. Ask your coach to rotary cut around the banner front trimming away the excess backing fabric even with the front edges.

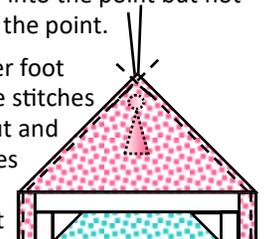


>>>12. Beginning 1/2" from the banner point, stitch a quarter inch all around the banner edges. Pivot at the corners and end 1/2" from the banner point.

>>>13. Thread the ends of the tassel ties through the eye of the safety pin like threading a needle. Reach inside the back opening with the safety pin. Guide the safety pin and tassel ties through the opening in the banner point. Snug the top ball of the tassel into the point but not too much. It should rest about 1" inside the point.

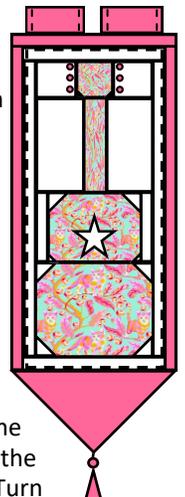


>>>14. Ask your coach to attach a zipper foot on your machine. Adjust it so the needle stitches on the left side. Hold the tassel ends taut and complete the stitching lines on both sides of the point, trapping the tassel ends. Backstitch to secure. This is not easy but you can do it! Sew slowly.



>>>15. Ask your coach how to clip the corners carefully, including the tassel point.

>>>16. Reach inside the back opening and turn the entire banner right side out. Use a Purple Thang to coax out the corners, edges, and tassel point. Do not pull on the tassel. Press the entire banner nice and flat. Press the hanging sleeves up and away from the banner for now.



>>>17. Stitch-in-the-ditch (ask your coach) following the border seamlines using thread to match your background as shown. Do not stitch through the hanging sleeves yet.

>>>18. Press under 1/2" on the raw edges of the hanging sleeves. Smoothly press the sleeves to the banner back to conceal them and pin in place. Turn the banner over and, stitching from the front, stitch-in-the-ditch along the seamline between the guitar head and the top borders. This time you will stitch through the hanging sleeves, trapping them in place on the back. Press your entire banner smooth and flat.



>>>19. Congratulations! You have finished your banner! You practiced a lot of sewing skills. Hang it with pride!