

Wedding Banner



Create a custom banner to decorate a wedding venue. This one was made from faux suede fabric, not only giving it an elegant look, but making it super easy to sew because the fabric doesn't fray. The two layers of fabric provide sufficient weight so that it will hang beautifully. Loops for hanging the banner are stitched between the fabric front and back, so it can be hung easily from a dowel rod. If desired, add some decorative trim – such as ric rac, as a “frame” around the piece. The finished size of the main banner shown is approximately 21½” x 23” (55cm x 60cm), plus the tabs.

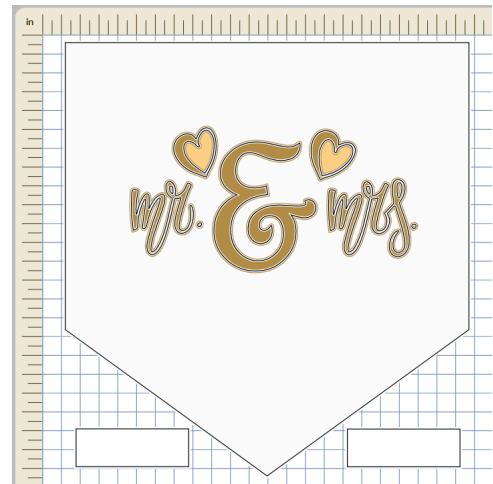
What you need

- 2 Pieces of Faux Suede, each 24” x 24”
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (Gold)
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (Glitter Gold)
- 3 yards (2.75m) Decorative Trim
- Standard Grip Mat 12” x 24”
- Fabric Grip Mat 24” x 24”
- Heat Press
- Rotary Blade

- Brayer
- Sewing Machine
- Thread (for the bobbin, color to match fabric)
- Parchment Paper
- Monofilament Thread (to stitch over decorative trim)
- Temporary Fabric Spray Adhesive
- Fabric Glue
- Dowel (for hanging)

Directions

1. Open the project in Canvas. Place the first piece of faux suede onto the Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to smooth out the fabric to eliminate any bubbles or wrinkles. Cut one fabric for the banner front, as well as cutting the two tabs. Remove from the mat.



2. Place the other piece of faux suede onto the mat, smooth with the Brayer, and cut the fabric back piece in the same manner as you did for the front. Remove the fabric from the mat. Set the fabric front, fabric back, and the two tabs aside for now.

Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.

3. Place the Heat Transfer Vinyl shiny side down (clear liner) on your Standard Grip Mat.
4. Follow the steps to cut the gold Heat Transfer Vinyl. You'll be cutting the text and the larger heart shapes. Remember to Flip for Reverse Cutting.
5. After removing the gold Heat Transfer Vinyl from the mat, place the glitter gold Heat Transfer Vinyl onto the mat and follow the steps to cut the smaller hearts. Remember to Flip for Reverse Cutting.

6. Position the text and larger heart “outlines” onto the fabric front as desired. Use your Heat Press to adhere the vinyl text and larger hearts to the fabric, use a piece of parchment paper to protect your pressing tool. Next, position the glitter hearts and apply over the larger hearts using the Heat Press.

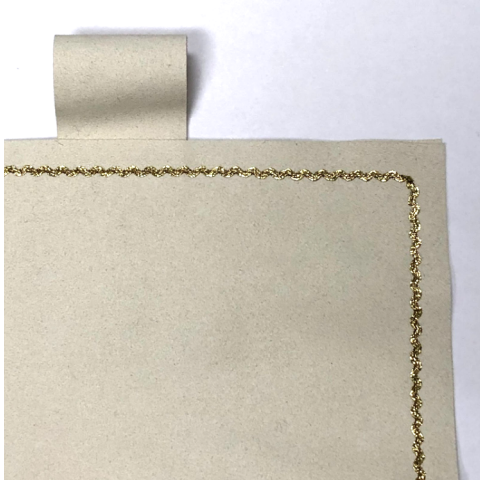


7. Next, prepare the tabs to insert between the fabric front and back. There are two tab pieces, each 2” x 6” (5cm x 15.25cm). Fold one tab in half, so the short ends meet. Place the folded tab toward one side of the banner, between the banner front and back pieces, with the ends of the tab about 1” (25mm) down below the top edge of the fabric. Use a small amount of fabric glue to hold the tab in place. Repeat for the remaining tab, placing it at the other side of the banner.



8. Lightly spray the inside of the banner with the temporary fabric spray adhesive. Position the banner front and back together. Smooth out any wrinkles or bubbles using a Brayer.
9. Thread the bobbin with the thread that matches the fabric. Thread the top of the machine with the monofilament nylon thread. Select a zigzag stitch with a stitch length setting of about 3.5mm, and a stitch width setting that is wide enough to cover the trim.

10. Position the decorative trim onto the right side of the banner. Stitch over the trim all the way around the banner. This will not only sew the trim on, but it will also secure the banner front and back together. Hang from a dowel to finish.



Images used in this project

