



## Bit-O-Color Quilted Holiday Banners

### This pattern contains the following:

- Design files and instructions for the different Bit-O-Color quilted banners, in the following formats: ART, .DST, .EXP, .HUS, .JEF, .PES, .VIP, .VP3.
- The words have been divided into two or three hoopings, depending on the banner. An 8" x 12" hoop is required.
- The straight-line quilting behind the letters in each hooping is part of each design!
- Easy to follow, step-by-step instructions for embroidery and banner

*NOTE: I have designed each of the letters using the same 13 colors. Choose your embroidery threads accordingly. I like to use a medium value for the 13th color as the bead stitch around the outside of the letters. I have included an images folder where you can see the banners on the cover close-up.*

### Fabric and Other Materials:

#### **Welcome Banner** (Approx. finished size: 11" x 23")

- 12" x 27" rectangle of background fabric.
- Two, 3" x 21" rectangles of border fabric for sides.
- Two, 3" x 11½" rectangles of border fabric for top and bottom.
- ¾ yard of Pellon 101, (Shapefex) fusible interfacing
- 12" x 27" rectangle of batting or Fusible Fleece.
- 13" x 27" rectangle of backing fabric.
- 10 pieces of No-Show Mesh to fit your 8 x 12 hoop
- Coordinating threads for embroidery

#### **Be My Valentine Banner** (Approx. finished size: 11" x 29")

- 12" x 33" rectangle of background fabric.
- Two, 3" x 27" rectangles of border fabric for sides.
- Two, 3" x 11½" rectangles of border fabric for top and bottom.
- ¾ yard of Pellon 101, (Shapefex) fusible interfacing
- 12" x 33" rectangle of batting or Fusible Fleece.
- 13" x 33" rectangle of backing fabric.
- 10 pieces of No-Show Mesh to fit your 8 x 12 hoop
- Coordinating threads for embroidery

#### **God Bless America Banner** (Approx. finished size: 11" x 26")

- 12" x 30" rectangle of background fabric.
- Two, 3" x 24½" rectangles of border fabric for sides.
- Two, 3" x 11½" rectangles of border fabric for top and bottom.
- ¾ yard of Pellon 101, (Shapefex) fusible interfacing
- 12" x 30" rectangle of batting or Fusible Fleece.
- 13" x 30" rectangle of backing fabric.
- 10 pieces of No-Show Mesh to fit your 8 x 12 hoop
- Coordinating threads for embroidery

### **Happy Halloween Banner** (Approx. finished size: 11" x 29")

- 12" x 33" rectangle of background fabric.
- Two, 3" x 27" rectangles of border fabric for sides.
- Two, 3" x 11½" rectangles of border fabric for top and bottom.
- ¾ yard of Pellon 101, (Shapefex) fusible interfacing
- 12" x 33" rectangle of batting or Fusible Fleece.
- 13" x 33" rectangle of backing fabric.
- 10 pieces of No-Show Mesh to fit your 8 x 12 hoop
- Coordinating threads for embroidery

### **We Give Thanks Banner** (Approx. finished size: 11" x 23")

- 12" x 27" rectangle of background fabric.
- Two, 3" x 21" rectangles of border fabric for sides.
- Two, 3" x 11½" rectangles of border fabric for top and bottom.
- ¾ yard of Pellon 101, (Shapefex) fusible interfacing
- 12" x 27" rectangle of batting or Fusible Fleece.
- 13" x 27" rectangle of backing fabric.
- 10 pieces of No-Show Mesh to fit your 8 x 12 hoop
- Coordinating threads for embroidery

### **Merry Christmas Banner** (Approx. finished size: 11" x 29")

- 12" x 33" rectangle of background fabric.
- Two, 3" x 27" rectangles of border fabric for sides.
- Two, 3" x 11½" rectangles of border fabric for top and bottom.
- ¾ yard of Pellon 101, (Shapefex) fusible interfacing
- 12" x 33" rectangle of batting or Fusible Fleece.
- 13" x 33" rectangle of backing fabric.
- 10 pieces of No-Show Mesh to fit your 8 x 12 hoop
- Coordinating threads for embroidery

### **Happy Holidays Banner** (Approx. finished size: 11" x 27")

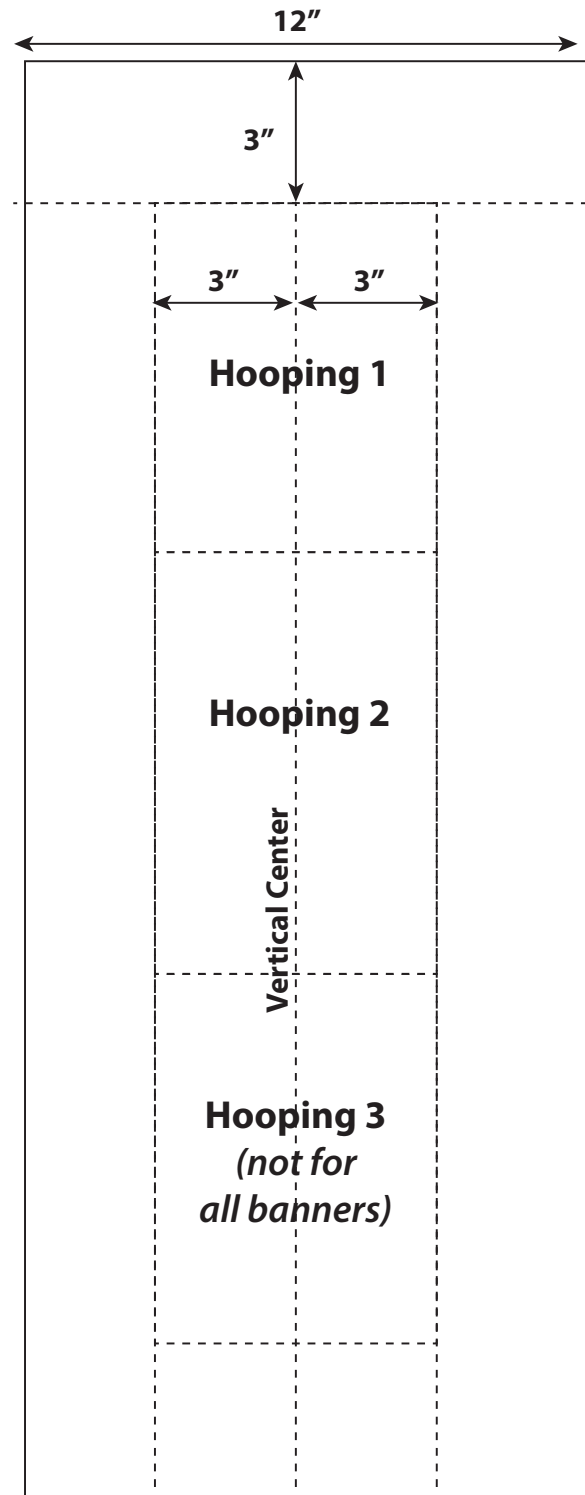
- 12" x 31" rectangle of background fabric.
- Two, 3" x 25" rectangles of border fabric for sides.
- Two, 3" x 11½" rectangles of border fabric for top and bottom.
- ¾ yard of Pellon 101, (Shapefex) fusible interfacing
- 12" x 31" rectangle of batting or Fusible Fleece.
- 13" x 31" rectangle of backing fabric.
- 10 pieces of No-Show Mesh to fit your 8 x 12 hoop
- Coordinating threads for embroidery

### **Other Suggested Supplies:**

- Thread snips
- Medium scissors
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler for cutting
- Tweezers
- Iron
- 12 x 18 felted wool mat
- 505 temporary spray
- 200 x 300 hoop ( 8" x 12" hoop)
- Embroidery foot
- Regular sewing foot or Walking Foot
- Schmetz GOLD 11/75 embroidery needles
- White bobbins
- Straight pins
- Point turner - Collins or Clover OR Expert Point and Press by OESD
- Water soluble fabric pen ( ie: Mark-B-Gone Marking Pen Blue)

## Instructions for Banner

1. Cut one 12" x X" rectangle from background fabric.
2. Cut Pellon 101 interfacing to fit the 12" x X" rectangle and fuse to the wrong side of the fabric following manufacturer's instructions. This layer of interfacing will add extra support to the fabric so that the embroidery stitching does not pucker or distort the fabric.
3. Cut a 12" x X" rectangle from batting or fusible fleece. If you use batting, spray one side of the batting with 505 and layer the background/interfacing rectangle on top. If you use Fusible Fleece, fuse to the back of the background/interfacing rectangle. You will now have a "fabric sandwich" with three layers - background fabric, Pellon 101, and batting/Fusible Fleece.
4. Mark the vertical center of the front of the "fabric sandwich" with a blue water-soluble pen. Next, measure 3" to the right of the vertical center and draw a line with blue water-soluble pen. Repeat 3" line to the left of the vertical center line.
3. Finally, draw a horizontal line 3" from the top. This is where you will start your letters.



## Hooping 1

1. Hoop a piece of No-Show mesh.
2. Bring up Hooping 1 on your embroidery machine and use your **Hooping 1 PDF** as a guide.
3. Stitch out Step 1, the placement box with the vertical line on your stabilizer.
4. Remove hoop and line up your "fabric sandwich" over the placement box you have stitched out on the stabilizer. Line up the vertical line you have drawn on your "fabric sandwich" with the vertical line in the center of the placement box. Line up the top of the placement box with the horizontal line you have drawn 3" from the top of your "fabric sandwich." Pin or spray baste fabric in place.
5. Attach the hoop to your machine and bring up Step 2 of the design. This is a partial box must line up with the lines you have drawn on your fabric. If not, remove the stitching and repeat #4. You will use these lines to line up your top and side borders when you finish your hoopings. I suggest you stitch this out in a color.
6. Step 3 is straight line quilting for Hooping 1. Follow the rest of the steps in your **Hooping 1 PDF**.
7. Trim away extra No-Show Mesh when you finish Hooping 1.

## Hooping 2

1. Hoop a piece of No-Show mesh.
2. Bring up Hooping 2 on your embroidery machine and use your **Hooping 2 PDF** as a guide.
3. Stitch out Step 1, the placement box with the vertical line on your stabilizer.
4. Remove hoop and line up your "fabric sandwich" over the placement box you have stitched out on the stabilizer. Line up the vertical line you have drawn on your "fabric sandwich" with the vertical line in the center of the placement box. Line up the top of the placement box with the last horizontal quilting line stitched out in Hooping 1. Pin or spray baste fabric in place.
5. Attach the hoop to your machine and bring up Step 2 of the design. For this hooping, Step 2 will be two lines that you will use to line up your top and side borders when you finish your hoopings. Again, if the lines do not line up with the lines you have drawn on your fabric, take out stitching and repeat #4. I suggest you stitch this out in a color.
6. Step 3 is straight line quilting for Hooping 2. Follow the rest of the steps in your **Hooping 2 PDF**.
7. Trim away extra No-Show Mesh when you finish Hooping 2.

## Hooping 3 - not all banners have three hoopings

1. Hoop a piece of No-Show mesh.
2. Bring up Hooping 3 on your embroidery machine and use your **Hooping 3 PDF** as a guide.
3. Stitch out Step 1, the placement box with the vertical line on your stabilizer.
4. Remove hoop and line up your "fabric sandwich" over the placement box you have stitched out on the stabilizer. Line up the vertical line you have drawn on your "fabric sandwich" with the vertical line in the center of the placement box. Line up the top of the placement box with the last horizontal quilting line stitched out in Hooping 2. Pin or spray baste fabric in place.
5. Attach the hoop to your machine and bring up Step 2 of the design. This is another partial box that you will use to line up your top and side borders when you finish your hoopings. Again, if the lines do not line up with the lines you have drawn on your fabric, take out stitching and repeat #4. I suggest you stitch this out in a color.
6. Step 3 is straight line quilting for Hooping 3. Follow the rest of the steps in your **Hooping 3 PDF**.
7. Trim away extra No-Show Mesh when you finish Hooping 3.

## Final Banner Construction

1. After you finish all two or three hoopings, lay the banner out on your work table.
2. Cut two border strips, 3" x X". Cut two border strips 3" x 11½" for the top and bottom of the banner.
3. **Diagram 1** - Place the two side border strips right side down with outside edges lined up with the lines that you stitched out in Step 2 of all three hoopings. If you stitched the lines out in color they will help when you line up the borders.
4. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.
5. Open up side borders and press.
6. **Diagram 2** - Now, place the top and bottom border strips right side down with outside edges lined up with the top and bottom lines that you stitched out in Step 2 of all three hoopings. Again, if you stitched the lines out in color they will help when you line up the borders.
7. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.
8. Open up side borders and press.

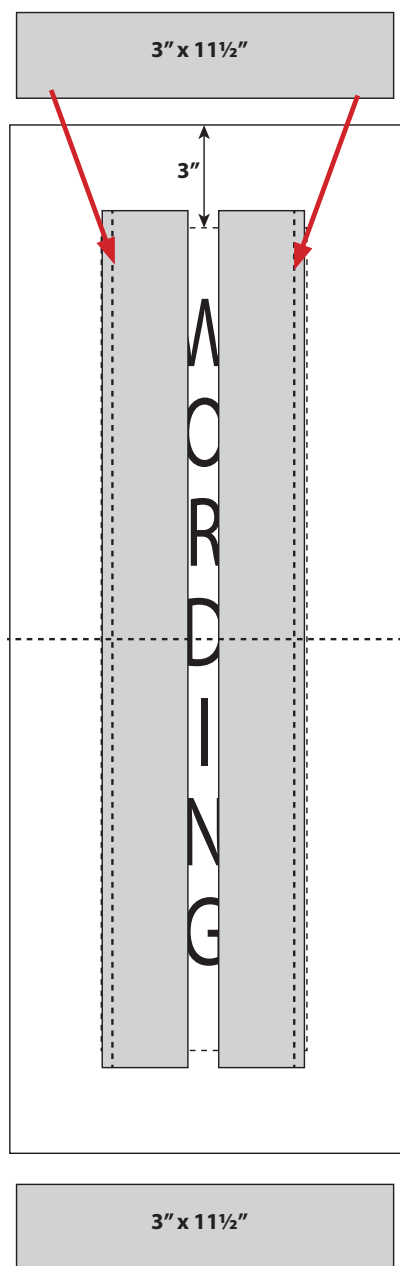


Diagram 1

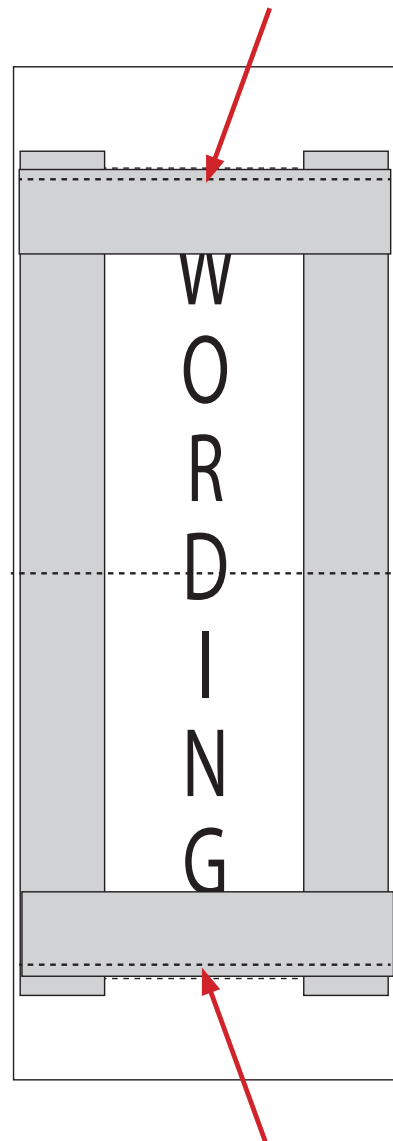


Diagram 2

9. **Diagram 3** - Tack down the borders using 505 and then secure with a basting stitch 1/4" from the edge of the borders. USE A COLOR BOBBIN. You are going to use this basting line as a guide when you stitch the backing on.
10. **Diagram 4** - using a blue water-soluble pen, mark the mid-way point between the horizontal center of the banner and the top border. Repeat for the midway point between the horizontal center of the banner and the bottom border.
11. Next, mark the vertical center of the top and the bottom borders. You will use these markings to line up the hoopings for your border quilting.

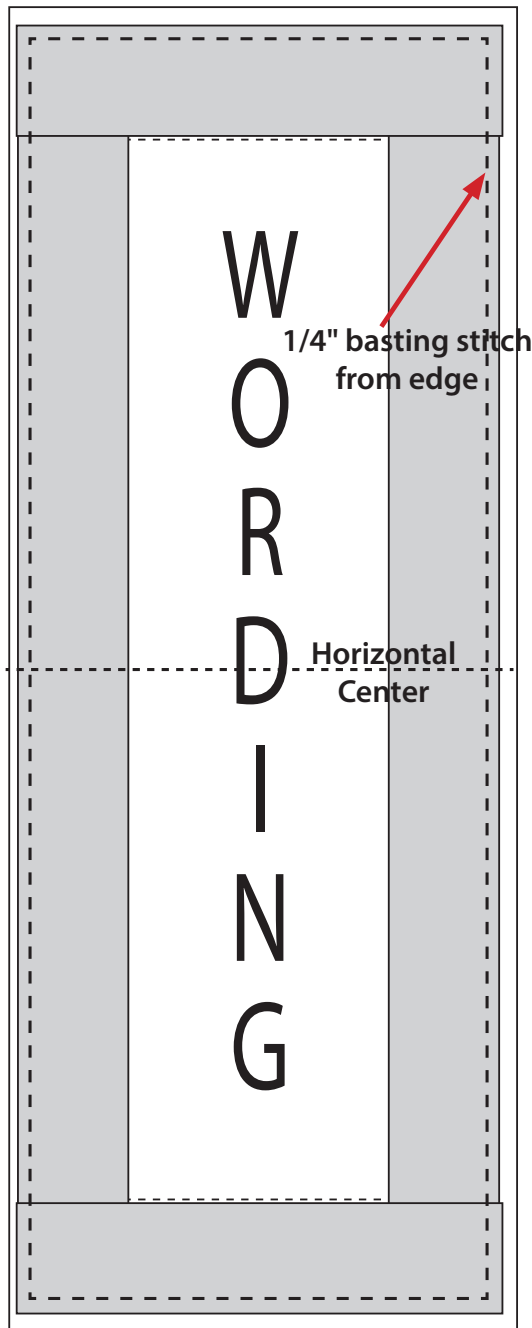


Diagram 3

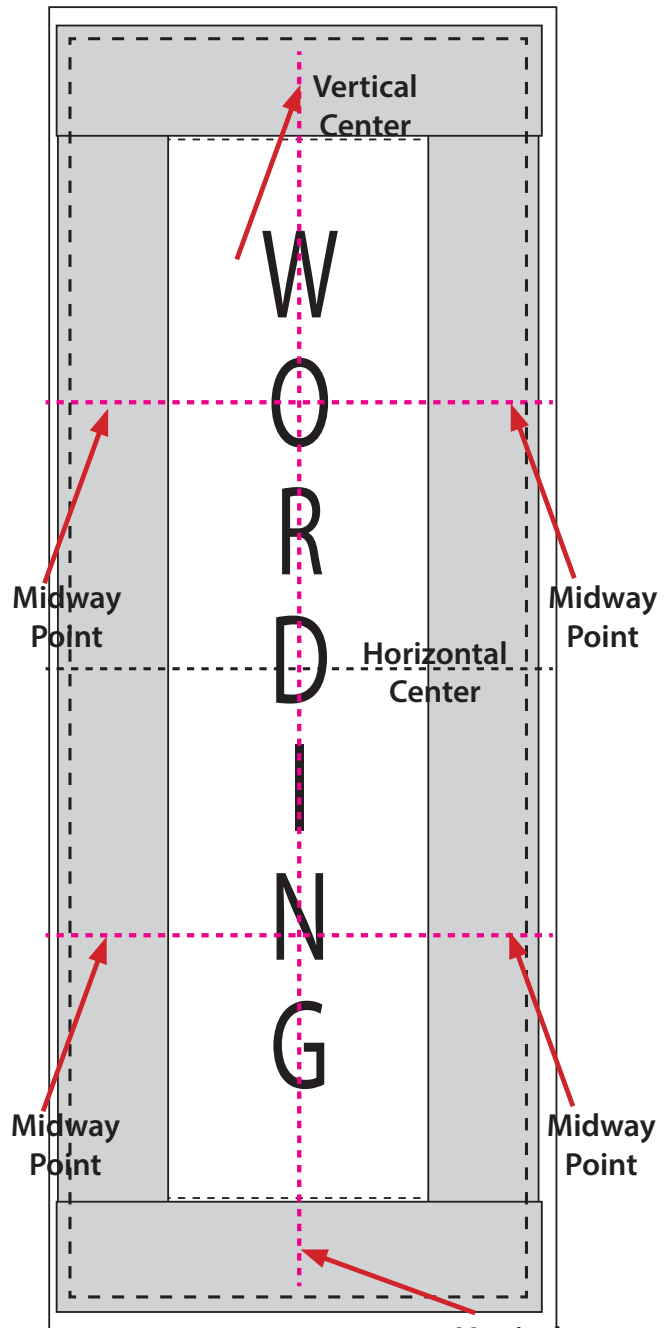


Diagram 4

Vertical Center

## Top and Bottom Borders Quilting

1. Hoop a piece of No-Show mesh. You will be able to use one piece of No-Show mesh for both top and bottom border quilting.
2. Bring up **TopandBottomQuilting design** on your embroidery machine. Move the design to the left so that you can move it to the right for the next hooping. It saves stabilizer this way. Use your **TopandBottomQuilting PDF** as a guide.
3. Stitch out Step 1, the placement line with a cross hair, on your stabilizer.
4. **Diagram 5** - Remove hoop and line up your top border over the placement line with a cross hair you have stitched out on the stabilizer. Line up the vertical line you have drawn on your banner border with the vertical cross hair line on the placement line. Next, line up the placement line with the inside edge of the border where it joins the quilted middle. Pin or spray baste in place. You will need to be careful moving this back and forth. If you think it has moved before you get it in place, take the time to reposition.
5. **Diagram 6** - Attach the hoop to your machine and bring up Step 2 of the design. This is the quilting design. It should sit about a quarter of an inch above the inside seam line. Repeat for the bottom banner border!.

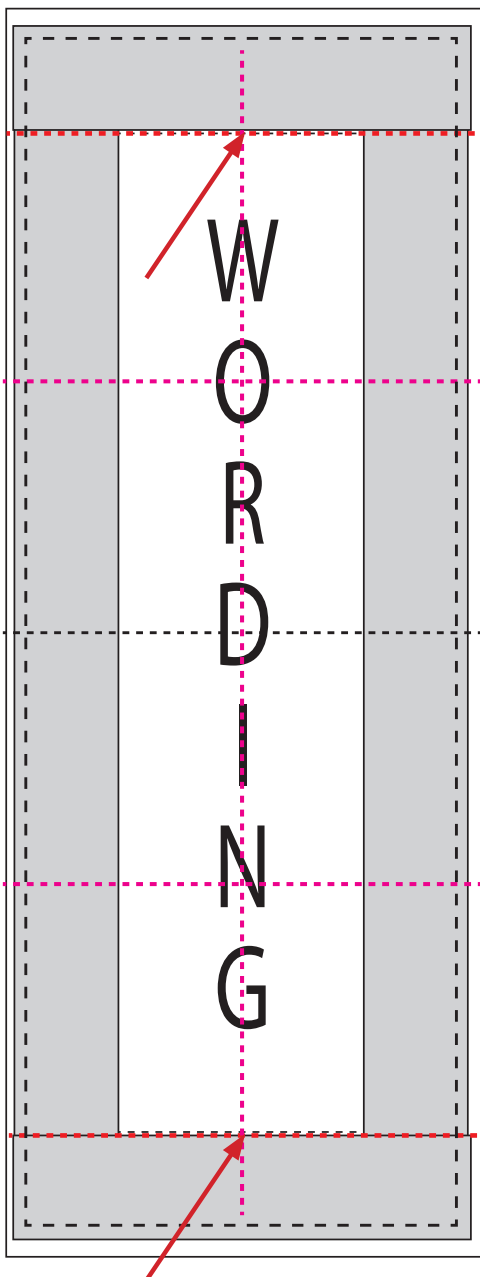


Diagram 5

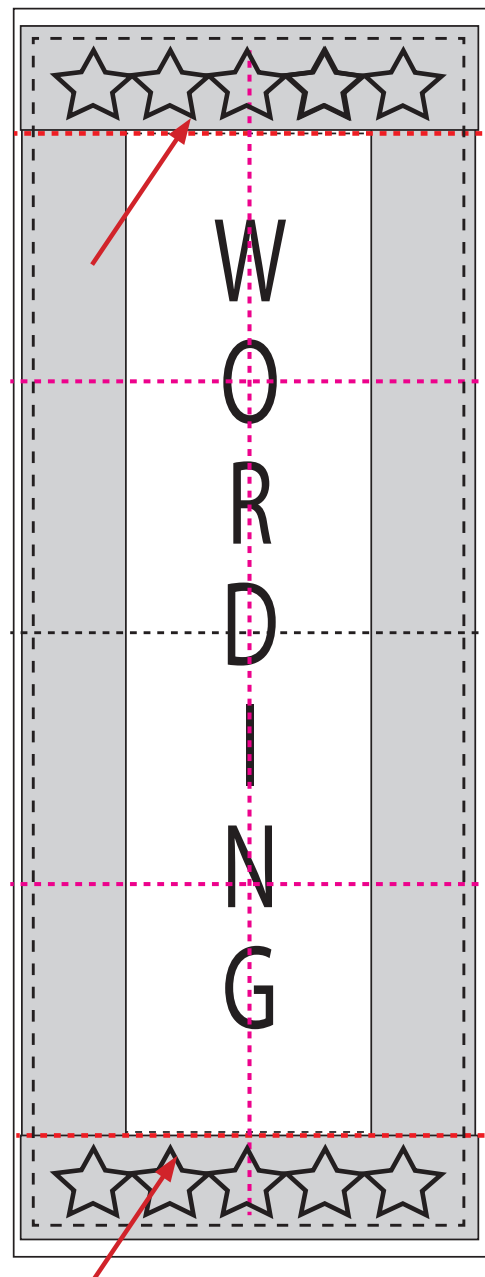


Diagram 6

## Side Borders Quilting

1. Hoop a piece of No-Show mesh. You will be able to use one piece of No-Show mesh for two of the four side border quilting hoopings.
2. Bring up **SideQuilting design** on your embroidery machine. Move the design as far to the right as you can so that you can move it a little to the left for the next hooping. It saves stabilizer this way. Use your **SideQuilting PDF** as a guide.
3. Stitch out Step 1, the placement line with a cross hair, on your stabilizer.
4. **Diagram 7** - Remove hoop and line up your first side banner border hooping over the placement line with a cross hair you have stitched out on the stabilizer. Line up the horizontal line you have drawn on your banner border with the horizontal cross hair line on the placement line. Next, line up the placement line with the inside edge of the border where it joins the quilted middle. Pin or spray baste in place. You will need to be careful moving this back and forth. If you think it has moved before you get it in place, take the time to reposition.
5. **Diagram 8** - Attach the hoop to your machine and bring up Step 2 of the design. This is the quilting design. It should sit about a quarter of an inch above the inside seam line. Repeat for the each of the four side border hoopings.

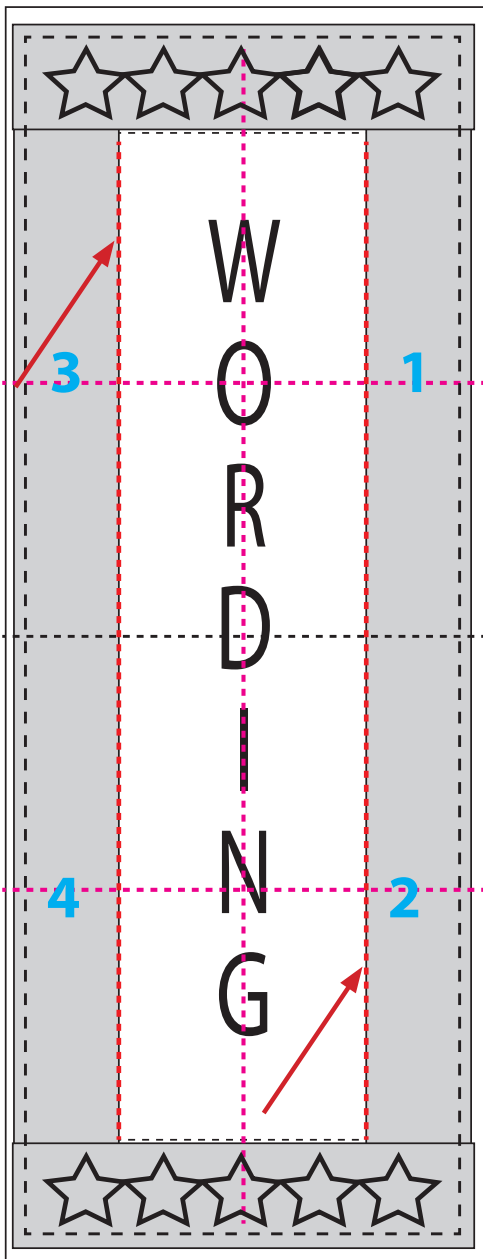


Diagram 7

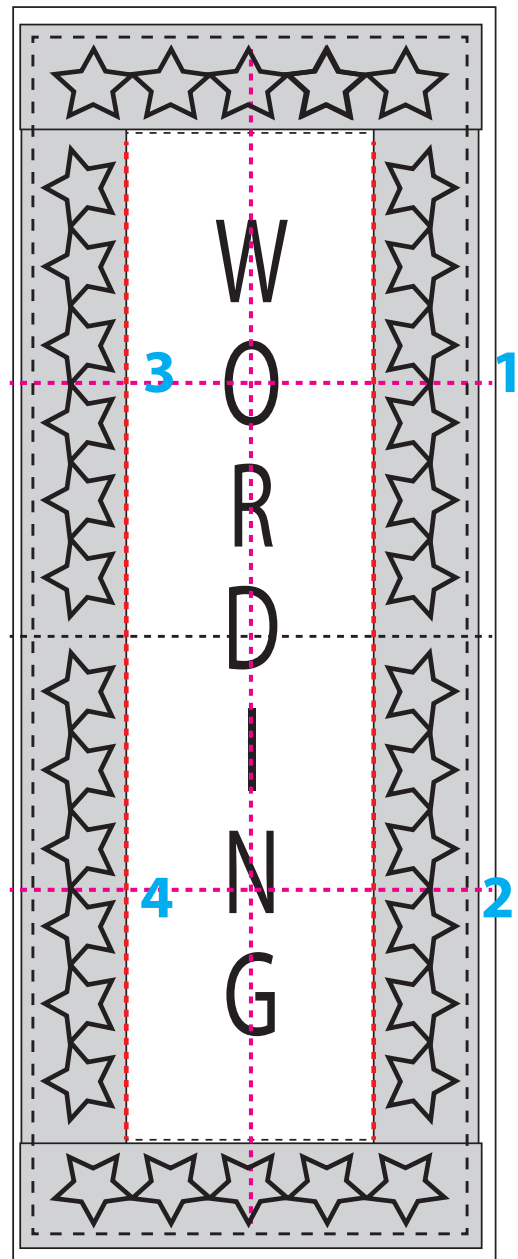


Diagram 8



## Putting it Together

1. Cut one 13" x X" rectangle from backing fabric.
2. Lay the quilted banner face down on the backing which is face up. Pin.
3. **Diagram 9** - Stitch on 1/4" in from the line you already stitched 1/4" away from the border's edge (**Diagram 3 on page 6**). If you used a color bobbin, it will be much easier to see. Leave approx 5 inches open at the bottom of the banner for turning. (*Note: I did not use hanging loops as I used a holder with clips. I have added instructions on the next page for loops. You need to position them at the top of the banner before you stitch the backing on in Diagram 9.*)
4. **Diagram 10** - Trim seam allowance to a **quarter inch on sides and top and A HALF INCH ON THE BOTTOM!!!!**. Trim all four corners. Turn right side out. The larger seam allowance on the bottom will allow you to turn the edge in easily. Slip stitch or glue edge to finish. Lastly, stitch in the ditch all the way around the banner just inside the borders. This will hold the front to the back. You are finished!!

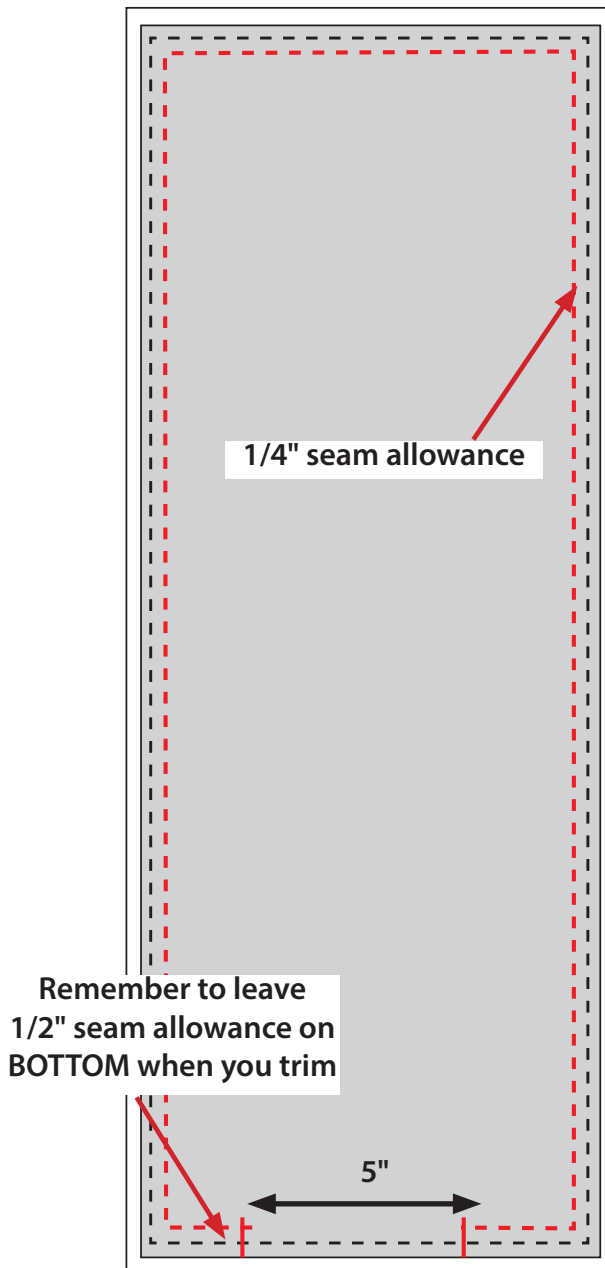


Diagram 9

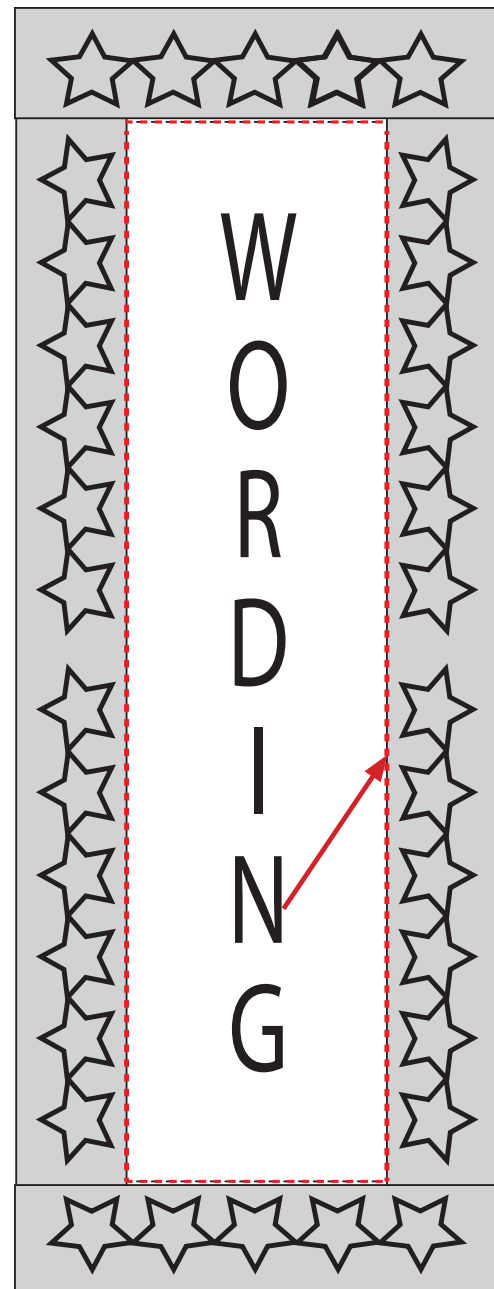
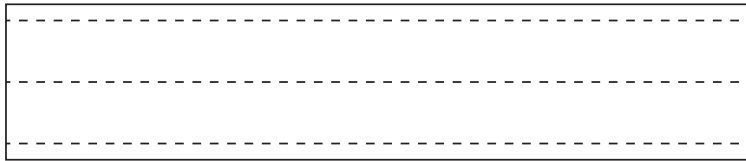


Diagram 10

## Making Loops for your Banner

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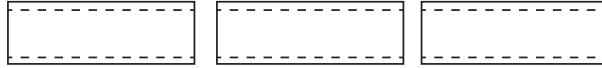
Fold your 2½" x 10" strip in half vertically and then fold each of the sides in ¼".

2.



Top-stitch the resulting 1" x 10" strip.

3.



Cut the strip into three 1" x 3" loops. Discard the extra 1" of fabric.

4.



Fold each loop in half and press.

Diagram 1

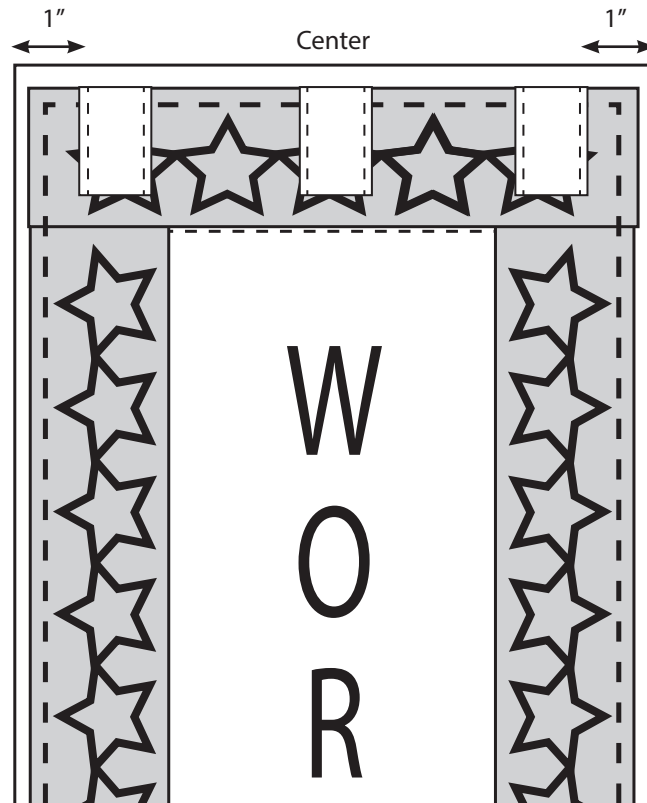


Diagram 2

1. Make loops for banner. (Diagram 1)
2. Line up the raw edges of the loops with the top of the banner front and pin according to Diagram 2.