

How to Design a Festival Banner

Use this sheet to help you to make your own festival banner for your party or back garden disco or festival. This will help you work towards getting your Blue Peter Music Badge.

A banner is a long strip of cloth or paper that has words or a design on it. It's hung up to tell people something. To make your own festival banner, you may wish to think about these things:

Recycle

Have a look at what you already have at home; you may have an old roll of unwanted wallpaper, an old bed sheet, wrapping paper or newspaper that you can use as your banner.

Get Inspired!

First of all, you may want to gather ideas from looking around you. Have a look for ideas and inspiration:

- in magazines;
- in music videos;
- using pictures of rock stars in books or on the Internet;
- your favourite CBBC shows.



Plan It

When you have some ideas, you may want to sketch your ideas out onto a smaller piece of paper, first. Think about what words you will include, any drawings or designs and what colours you will choose to attract people's attention.

Scale Up

When you have your idea, draw it out in pencil on your actual banner – this will help you to position the letters before you do them in paint or pens!

Decorate

There are lots of different ways to decorate your banner. You may wish to use felt tips or fabric pens to draw onto your banner. If you decide to paint onto your banner, you may wish to try some of these ways and have fun mixing your own colours.

- Finger painting or using paint sponges is a fantastic way to build up colours.
- Brush painting is great to build fine motor skills.
- Painting with cotton buds is a really interesting way to paint and creates a picture using lots of tiny dots (this is called **pointillism**).



Collage

Once you have a design on your banner, you may wish to add some texture with collaging. Collage is the technique of sticking small pieces of paper or material on to an image to make one picture. Try collaging onto banner using things that you may already have your home, such as:

- old magazines
- old greetings cards
- scrap pieces of paper
- coloured tissue paper
- old newspapers



You could get really creative and add some extra embellishments to your banner, such as:

- pieces of coloured card
- pom-poms
- feathers
- sequins
- pipe cleaners
- small pieces of fabric



Share It

You could ask people in your house to help you with your banner. You can hang your finished banner up ready for your own festival. Why not ask an adult to take a photo of it and send it to people in your wider family who would love to see it?