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Cake with no calories! What could be nicer than some lovely cupcake bunting to get you in the party mood?



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What could be nicer - and lower in calories - than some cheerful cupcake bunting! Perfect for tea parties, birthday parties, children's parties - or any event at all really!

Each cupcake flag measures 9" long and is attached at the top through a nice cheerful button.

The *really* fun part of this project is embellishing your cupcakes - just let your imagination run riot! I've given materials for just one cupcake - simply adjust for the number you plan to make. This is a great project to use up all those pretty scraps and embellishments.



Materials

You will need for ONE cupcake:

- 2 x 10" squares medium weight fabric
- 6" x 8" printed cotton fabric for cupcake case
- 2 ½" x 8" brown cotton fabric or felt for the cake
- 7" x 5" pastel coloured felt for icing
- 7" ric-rac braid to trim cupcake case
- ¾" button for top
- Trimmings for icing - sequins, buttons, lace or just embroider with cheerfully coloured floss - up to you!
- Embroidery foot for your sewing machine
- Black and cream thread
- Tape for hanging flags - I used lace-trimmed bias binding. Allow enough to space flags 12" apart with 24" at either end of your banner for hanging.

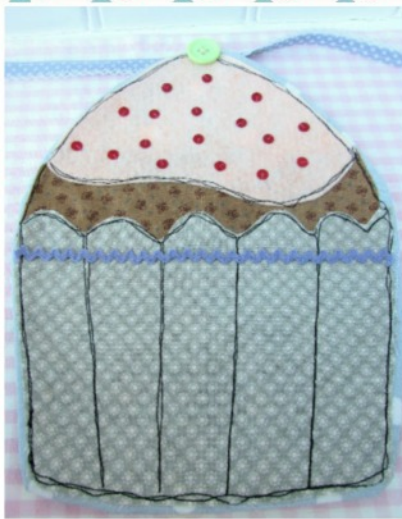


Method

- Cut out applique shapes using the templates provided. Place your brown cake shape in the middle of one of your 10" squares of fabric and pin securely. Then placing icing and case

shapes on top, overlapping the brown fabric to make the cake shape. Pin.

- Fit the embroidery foot to your sewing machine and drop the feed dogs. With black thread in your needle and cream or another pale colour in the bobbin go around the outline of the shapes twice.



Don't be too neat, you are aiming for a sort of scribbled effect. Also stitch the lines on the cupcake case as indicated on the template. Add embellishments to felt (1) Stitch ric-rac braid to cake case.

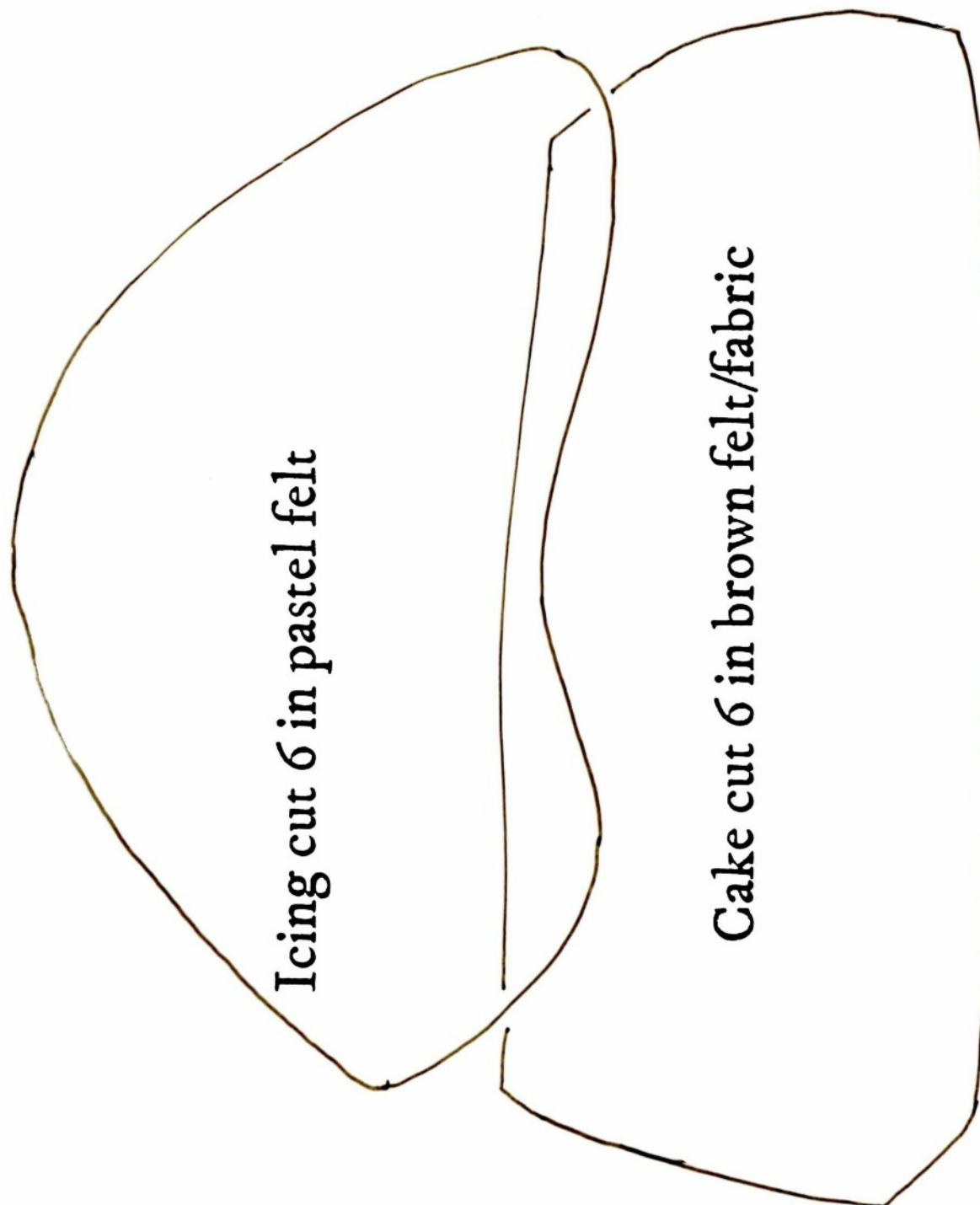
- Press work lightly on reverse. Trim backing fabric to ¼" around edge of cupcake
- Place the second 10" square of fabric face up on a clean flat surface, and place your cupcake on top face down. Pin the two pieces together securely (2)
- Stitch around edge of cupcake 1/8" from the backing fabric on the applied piece. (3) Leave a 3" gap at the bottom of the cake for turning.
- When stitching is complete trim away the excess fabric from your second 10" square (4).
- Turn right side out through gap. (5) Press raw edges inwards and slip stitch gap closed. Press cake on reverse being careful not to flatten your embellishments.
- Repeat as desired until you have sufficient cupcakes for your bunting.

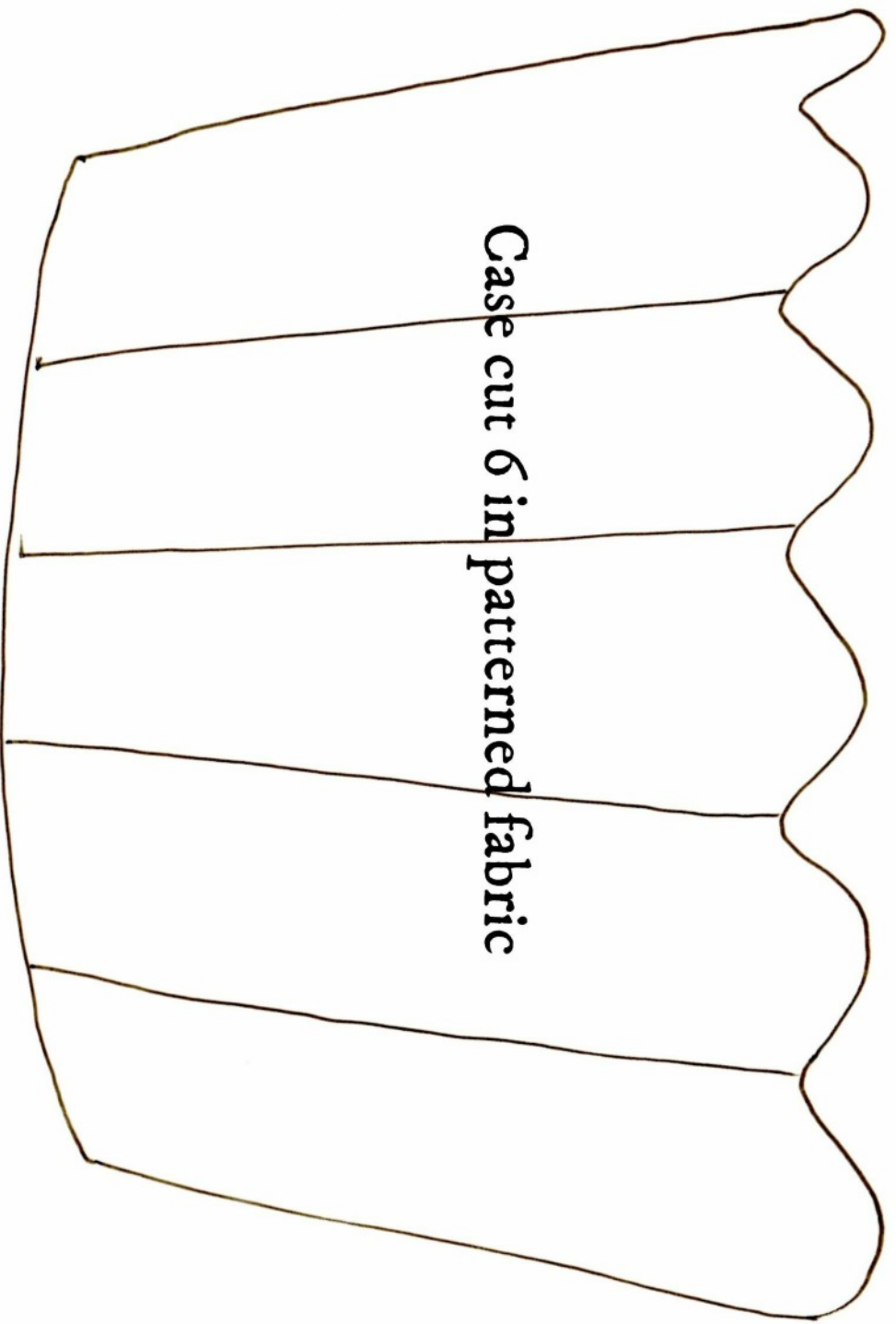
- If you're using lace-trimmed bias binding machine stitch along top (untrimmed edge) to make sure it doesn't come unfolded (6).
- Attach cupcakes to tape/bias binding at 12" intervals stitching through button, cupcake and then tape so they're attached through the bunting.
- Hang and enjoy!



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Templates are full size.





Case cut 6 in patterned fabric



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