How to Make a Jericho Banner

Supplies

- 1 ⅝ yard utility nylon or heavy weight cotton, such as duck cloth
- 6-8 inches of Velcro One-Wrap (1½ inch wide)
- Single fold bias tape
- Red fabric paint or 1 yard red fabric (same type of fabric as used for the banner)
- 10 foot length of standard 1-inch PVC tube
- T-joint for 1-inch PVC

Basic Banner

The finished dimensions will be 3 feet wide by 4 feet high. The pattern is to a scale of ⅛ inch = 1 inch.

Draw the pattern on a large piece of paper or tape pages of newsprint to form a large enough sheet. Pin the pattern to the fabric. (You can fold the pattern in half down the center line and place it on the fabric center fold). Cut along the outside lines. Fold in and press ¼ inch along both sides. Fold in ¼ inch again and stick for a narrow hem.

At the center of the top edge, cut a notch 3 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Finish the edge of the cut-out with single fold bias tape. Fold the top edge in ½ inch and press. Fold down to the fold line. The side edges will line up evenly. Press and sew, creating a rod pocket across the top of the banner, with an opening in the center for the upright pole to meet the horizontal pole.

At the bottom of the banner, sew a piece of Velcro One-Wrap behind the point. This will wrap around the vertical PVC tube to secure the bottom of the banner.

The Cross

The cross is 31 inches high and 19½ inches wide. The crossbeams are 3 inches wide. The measurement from the top of the cross to the dead center is 9 inches. You may wish to finish the ends with a serif design, or leave it plain. The serif is 6 inches wide and 1½ inch deep. Create a pattern from a large sheet of paper. If you plan to use fabric, add an extra half inch all the way around to turn in the cut edges. Pin the pattern to the red fabric and cut. Cut a ½ inch notch at the inside corners. Turn in and press ½ inch all the way round. Position the cross on the white banner. Stitch securely using a zig-zag stitch.

If you choose to paint the cross onto the banner, first lay it on a protective covering, such as a plastic garbage bag, since the paint will seep through the fabric. Position the cross pattern on the banner and trace all around it. Using craft or fabric paint, carefully fill in the entire cross.

Banner Frame

Cut your length of PVC tube into one 66 inch piece for the vertical pole and two 17 ½ inch pieces for the horizontal pole. Snugly fit the T joint onto the long piece (optional: glue the T in place with clear PVC cement). Turn the banner over and place the T end of the longer PVC tube at the notch in the banner. Slide the shorter PVC pieces into the rod pockets at the top of the banner and fit them snugly into the ends of the T. Secure the bottom of the banner to the vertical tube with the Velcro One-Wrap to complete the banner assembly.