

Nautical Pennant Banner by Samantha Walker

Level: Intermediate/advanced

Time: 6 hours

Janome Supplies Required:

- Horizon Memory Craft 15000
- Janome Artistic Software (to texturize boat embroidery)

Janome Hoops and Feet to have ready:

- Janome Hoop SQ 14
- Janome foot A (zig zag foot)
- Janome foot P (embroidery foot)
- Janome foot F (satin stitch foot)

Fabric and Notions Required:

White sailboat pennants:

- 3 - pieces of white fabric measuring 12" x 14" (for sailboat embroidery)
- Medium weight Iron-on stabilizer (to stabilize sailboat embroidery and to make white fabric more opaque.)
- 1 - piece of white fabric measuring 12" X 20" (backside of sailboat pennants)



Whimsical pattern pennants:

- 4 - pieces of a variety of coordinating patterned fabric measuring 9.5" x 11.5" I used a selection of whimsical patterned fabrics from my "Fly Aweigh" line for Riley Blake. (for the patterned inner panels.)
- non-fusible light-weight interfacing (as an aid when turning contrasting inner pennant flag panels)

Outer contrast rim of pennants:

- 7- pieces of a variety of coordinating tone-on-tone fabrics 11.5" x 27.5" (for the pennant flag colored outer pennant flag panels) I used a selection from my "Fly Aweigh" line for Riley Blake.
- Water soluble or tear-away stabilizer (for scalloped edge embroidery)

Other needed fabric sewing notion items:

- 7 yards red ribbon cut into fourteen 18" sections
- 12 feet approximately 1/4" diameter woven rope (for hanging banner flags)
- White thread
- Red embroidery thread
- Navy embroidery thread
- Yellow embroidery thread
- cream embroidery thread
- light aqua embroidery thread

Other Supplies:

- disappearing ink fabric pen and a regular marker (optional)
- wonder clips or pins
- Rotary cutter
- self healing cutting mat
- Scissors
- Iron
- white 12"x12" paper for cutting triangle pattern
- Silhouette Cameo cutting machine (to cut triangle pattern. Optional you can cut by hand.)

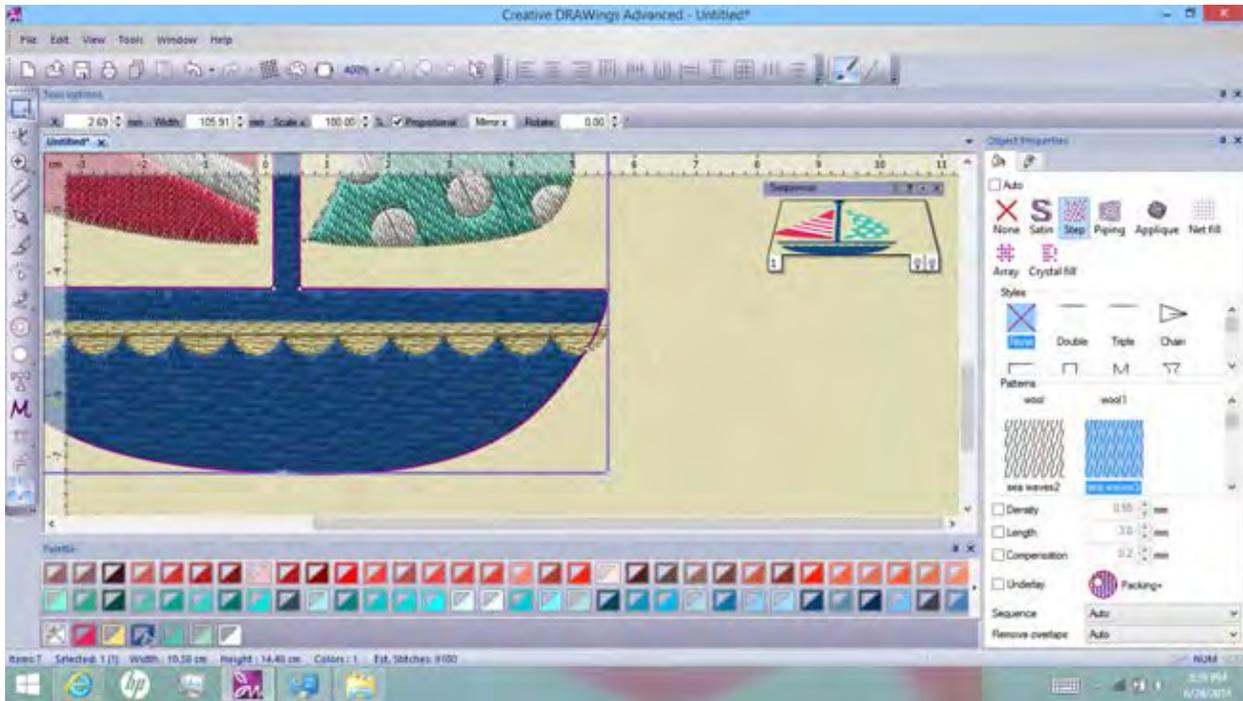
Embroidery Instructions:

Open the sailboat file in the Janome Artistic software.

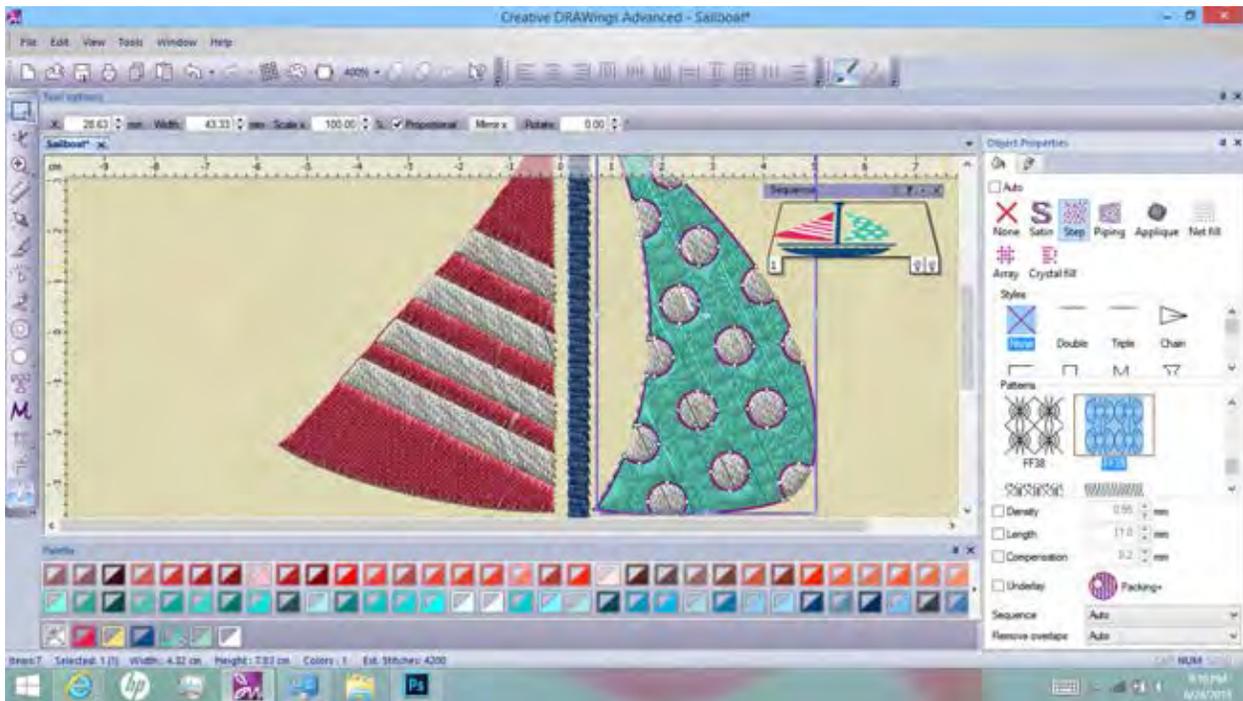
Choose your thread colors to coordinate with your fabric from the many thread libraries already loaded into your Janome Artistic Software.

If you want to add textured embroidery to your sailboat Janome Artistic software makes it easy. First select the area you want to add texture. I selected the boat, and chose a texture that reminded me of rippling water called sea waves 3. The new pattern fills into that area. Feel free to select the pattern you fill will give your boat the right texture.

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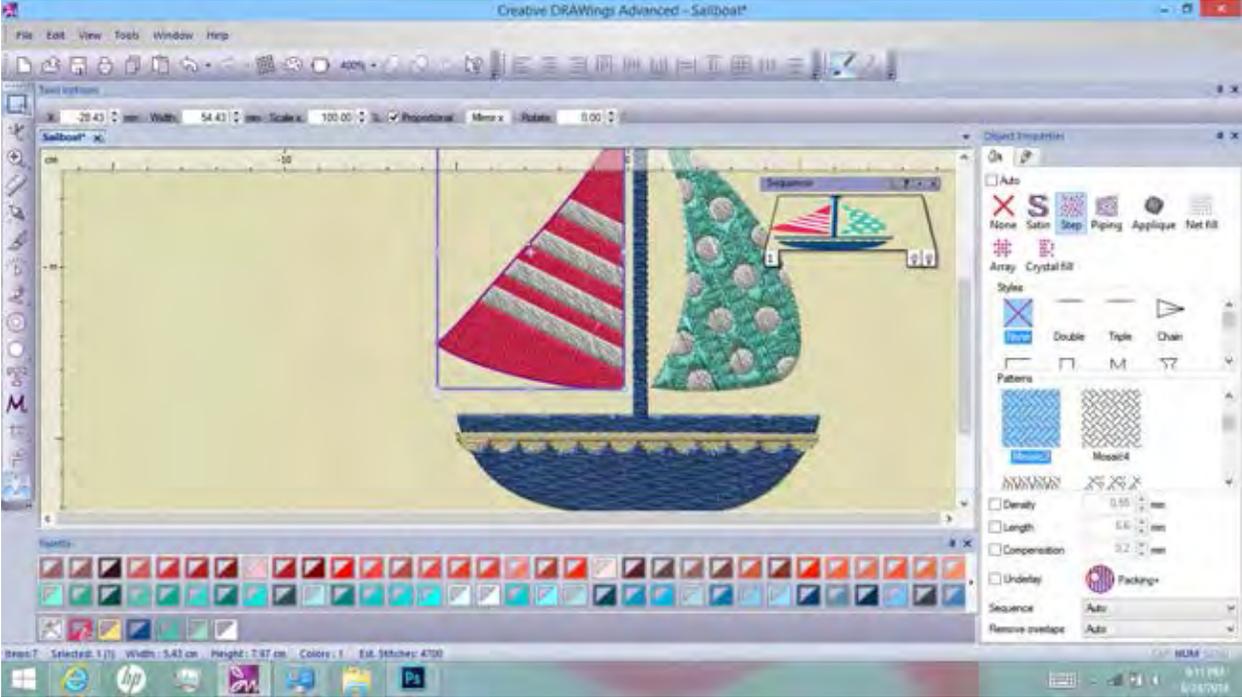
For the turquoise sail, I added a circular shaped pattern to echo the circles in the sail (FF39)



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For the red striped sail I chose a zig zag pattern (mosaic 2). I did not add additional texture to the yellow scallops, or the flag, or the stripes and dots



Save your creation. Load the design onto your Janome 15000 by using a USB memory stick or connecting your PC to your Janome 15000.



Cut three 11" X 13" pieces of Fusible stabilizer. Center the stabilizer on the back of each your 3 pieces of 12 X 14 rectangles then iron on.



Place your fabric into the Janome SQ 14 Hoop.

Switch out your needle plate and foot to the embroidery needle plate and P embroidery foot. Load the hoop onto the carriage.



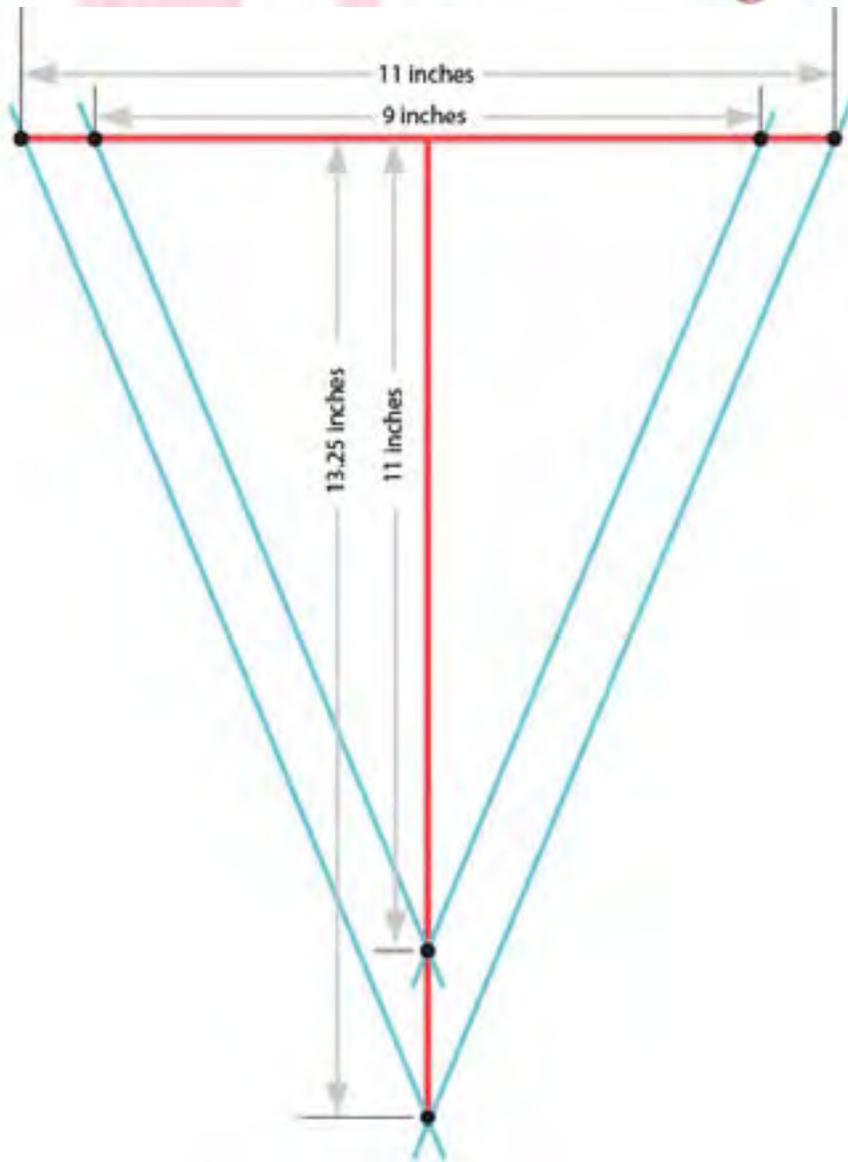
Thread your machine with your first thread, and begin your embroidery. Follow the machine as it tells you which thread to load next until you are finished with your first boat.

Switch the colors around for the second and third boats to create 3 different boats.

Cutting out the pattern

Next in the artistic software open up the triangle pattern file and cut the triangle out with your Silhouette Cutting machine. **THIS IS THE PATTERN FOR THE INNER TRIANGLE ONLY.** This inner triangle measures 9" X 11". Your paper will not fit the outer triangle. We will determine the outer triangle size by adding approximately 3/4 inch around the inner triangle pattern.

If you do not have an electronic cutting machine use these instructions for creating your triangle pattern. Draw a triangle using a straight edge, by first drawing a 9 inch top line. Next find the center of the top line and draw a line straight down from the center point about 12 inches long. Measure that center line and mark it at 11 inches with a dot. Now connect each end of the 9 inch line to the dot. You have now formed a 9 x 11 triangle. Cut this out by hand and use as your pattern piece for the inner triangles. You will also need a larger triangle pattern piece for later. The dimensions of the triangle are 11 across the top and 13.25 inches down. Connect the angles as shown below.

**Cut the fabric Using the pattern piece**

Place the pattern piece over the first embroidered sailboat, and center the boat under the triangle, then bring the triangle pattern piece down a bit so that the boat is north of center under the wider portion of the triangle. You will have plenty of fabric to be able to move the triangle around to make sure that you can place the embroidered boat in just the right location. Trace around the pattern onto the fabric, then cut it out with a rotary cutter. At this time just cut one.



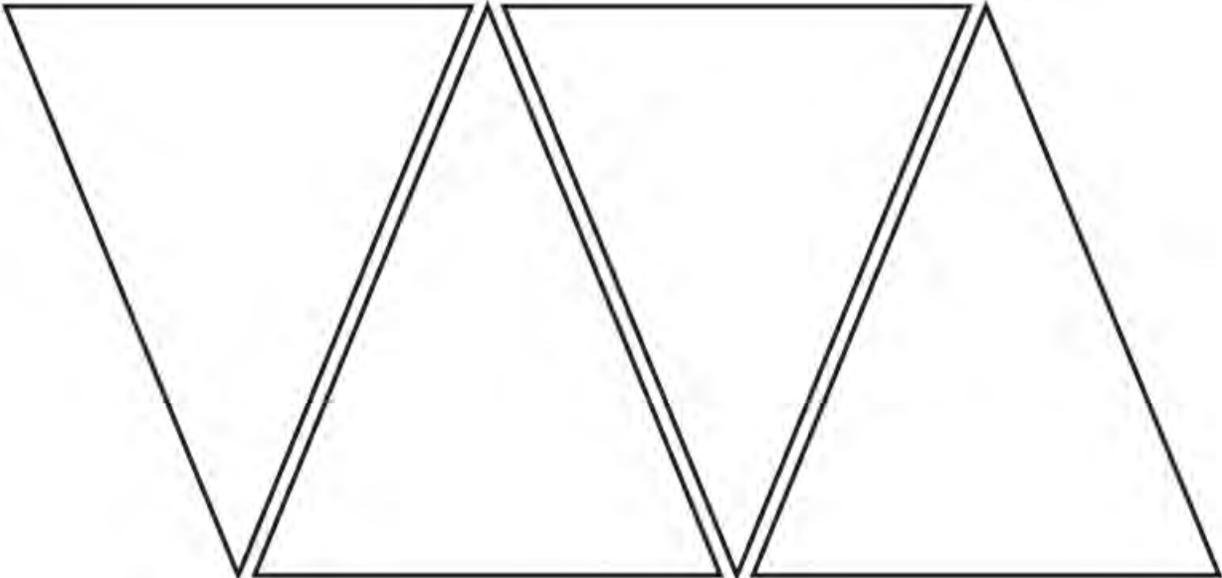
Now take the sailboat triangle you cut and lay it exactly over the next sailboat. Mark around the sailboat, and cut with a rotary cutter. Do the same for the third sailboat.





Cutting the backside for the sailboat pennants

Get your 1 - piece of white fabric measuring 12" X 20." Lay the triangle pattern on the fabric right side up at one end and trace around it. Turn your triangle upside-down and trace another triangle. Turn your triangle right side up and trace the last triangle. Cut these out with a rotary cutter.





Sewing the embroidered sailboat pennants



Clip or pin the embroidered sailboat piece to the white back layer with the embroidery facing the inside. Change your foot to the A (zig zag foot.) Change your needle plate to your straight stitch needle plate. Sew around the edge of each triangle with 1/4 inch seam allowance, leaving a two inch opening at the top of the triangle for turning the piece right side out.



Trim the corners of your triangle so that there is no bulk in the corners, to allow for neat corners.



Turn the embroidered sailboat pennants right side out. Use a tool to poke out the corners to a nice crisp point. I used a burnishing tool that has a pokey thing with a ball on the end. It worked quite nicely. Use this in all three corners of each sailboat pennant.

Iron the sailboat pennants, and set aside.



Sewing the inner panels of the whimsical patterned pennants

Now get your 4 - pieces of a variety of coordinating patterned fabric measuring 9.5" x 11.5"
Place your triangle pattern on the fabric and cut a triangle out of each of your fabric selections.

Cut 4 triangles of the same size out of the non-fusible light-weight interfacing.

Place the interfacing on top of each patterned side of the fabric and line up the triangle. Sew together with pattern side of the fabric on the inside. Sew the liner on all the way around the edge.

Cut or tear a slit in the center of the interfacing. Turn each piece right side out and iron.



Cutting the outer contrasting panels of the pennants

Now we will create the larger triangle pattern piece by using the smaller pattern piece as a guide. Line up a large piece of paper or muslin fabric to the top of the small triangle pattern and draw a line $\frac{3}{4}$ inch away from each of the sides. You should now have a triangle roughly 11" x 13.5."

Get your 7 pieces of 11.5" x 27.5" inch fabric. Fold each piece in half to 11.5" x 13.75". Place your large triangle pattern piece at the fold line on your first piece of fabric, centering it on the side that's 11.5 inches. Trace around the edge of your pattern, then cut.

To sew your outer contrasting panels of the pennants,

Follow the instructions above at "Sewing the embroidered sailboat pennants". Sew wrong sides facing in, then turn right-side-out and iron.



Cut Ribbon ties

Now you will cut fourteen eighteen inch long pieces of red ribbon. Fold each in half. Insert between the inner and outer pennant flag panels as shown:



Center the inner panel over the outer panel and hold with clips or pins. Hold ribbon in place with clips.



Straight stitch the inner panel to the outer panel very close to the edge of the inner panel (about 1/8 inch or less.) Pivot at the tip of the pennant, and finish sewing all the way around the triangle. This will sew the ribbons in place as well as take care of your opening that you used when you turned the pennant right-side-out again.



Sewing the Satin Stitched Scallops

First change your foot to the F foot (Satin Stitch.) Next set your scallops to a right side scallop, 6.5 wide, with .35 spacing. Put tear away stabilizer under the edge you will satin stitch. Place the pennant under the foot, and line up your sewing needle with the right edge. Satin stitch along the edge until completing one last full scallop at the point of the pennant. This may run slightly beyond the point or slightly less but when you complete that last scallop, but that is okay, as it will look better to have a completed scallop at the end then to turn in the middle of a scallop. Now pivot with the needle down and turn the pennant in the other direction and sew up the other side to the top of the pennant. Do this for each pennant flag.



Top stitch the outer edge of the the pennant's outer edge

Replace the Satin stitch foot with the A foot. Select a straight locking stitch. Stitch a straight line about 1/8 from the edge, all the way around the outer edge of the large triangle pennant. This will also close off the opening that you used to turn the pennant right side out.



Clip or pin the pennants together

Make the embroidered boats overlap the patterned pennants as shown in the picture.



Connect the pennants Using a locking straight stitch, sew the pennants together about 1/8 inch from the top of the pennants.





Tie the pennants

Choose a plain or decorative thin nylon rope and tie the ribbons around the rope. Leave two or three feet of rope on both of the ends of the pennant banner for ease of use. With three feet of rope on either end, it was easy to tie this between trees, around this railing. It's better to have too much than too little.