



DEMON ARMY

MAKE YOUR OWN RUN THROUGH BANNER

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Here are instructions for making junior banners. A good sized run-through banner for kids is about 6 metres wide x 3 metres high. As an idea, a full size AFL run through is 20m wide X 8m.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

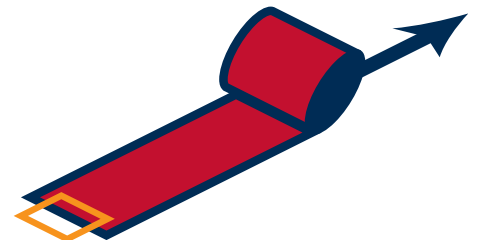
- 2 x 20m rolls of 50cm wide crepe paper for a 6m x 3m banner)
- 5cm (2 inch) wide sticky tape (up to 8 rolls)
- 1cm (or 2cm) wide sticky tape (1-2 rolls)
- Stencils for tracing out letters (letters can be made by hand or printed from a PC onto A4 paper)
- Paper for letters (a ream of A4 paper in the required colour)
- Sharp scissors (a few pairs so more people can help cut out letters)
- Wooden poles (about 4m long for a 3m high banner – rectangular 70x35mm x 3.6m pine poles from Bunnings are cheap at about \$9 each)
- Strong garbage bags
- 4 x 10m lengths of rope (cheap at Bunnings)
- A room big enough to lay the entire banner our flat

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE FRONT

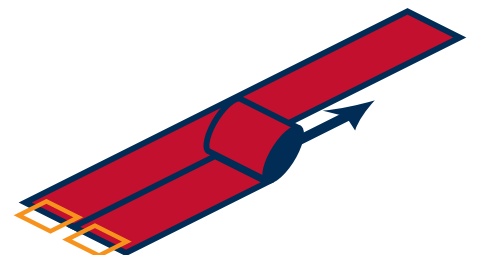
Top row

- In the far corner of the room fix the end of the roll of crepe to the floor using 5cm sticky tape
- Roll the crepe out to the required length (6m) making sure the crepe is in a straight line
- Cut the crepe off at the required length & tape that end to the floor using 5cm sticky tape
- Then use about 25cm of 5cm sticky tape every metre to fix the top of the first row to the floor

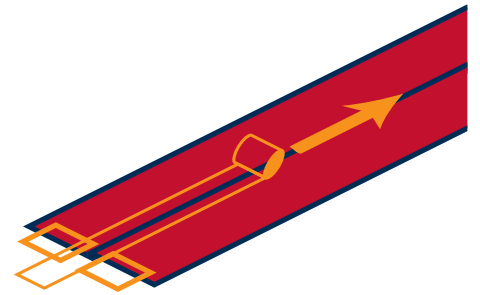


Second row

- Place the crepe roll on the floor next to the first row & overlap the edge by 2 to 3cm
- Tape the end of the second row of crepe to the floor using 5cm sticky tape



- Roll the crepe out to full required length making sure it's in a straight line & overlaps the first row by a consistent 2 to 3cm
- Using 5cm sticky tape carefully & evenly tape along the join of the 2 rows of crepe ensuring that the overlap is maintained (do it quickly as the crepe will lift up to the electrostatically charged tape)



Next rows

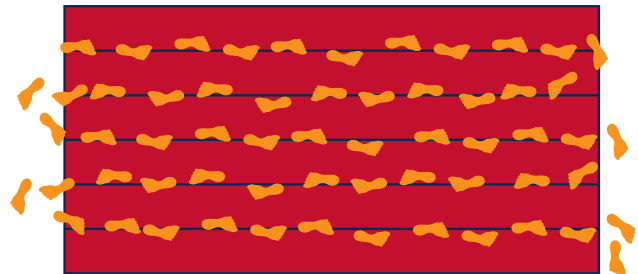
- Repeat the process until there are 6 rows in total (makes a banner approximately 3m high)
- Using 1cm sticky tape run a row of tape along the very bottom edge about 1 to 2cm up from the bottom (but do NOT stick it to the floor)

Strengthening the top

- Run 3 overlapping rows of 5cm sticky tape along the very top of the banner about 1 to 2cm from the top (but do NOT stick it to the floor)

Edges

- Run 5cm sticky tape exactly vertically down each edge to give a straight line for trimming to the required width (only trim if necessary)
- Take your shoes off & walk on all the sticky tape to make sure it is thoroughly stuck down onto the crepe
- Cut along the outer edge of the sticky tape on each side edge to trim evenly to size (only trim if necessary)



Turning the banner over

- When all taping, walking down & trimming on the front is completed unstick all tape holding the top to the floor & fold it underneath at the top & stick it to the crepe
- Check that no other tape is holding the banner to the floor
- Turn the banner over by getting helpers to hold the top & bottom corners (by the tape only as the crepe will rip) of one end & walk (or fold) the banner over itself
- Stop half way when the banner is exactly on top of itself & on the top of the banner mark the centre of the banner using some tape or a marker pen
- Get several helpers to drag the banner (by the tape only) into place ready to tape the crepe joins on the back



BACK

Taping the back

- Using 5cm sticky tape carefully & evenly tape along the join of each row of crepe but DO NOT TAPE THE BOTTOM 3 JOINS (this is the "soft spot" where the players run through)
- Using 5cm sticky tape run 3 overlapping rows of tape along the top about 1 to 2cm from the top (but do NOT stick it to the floor)
- Walk on all tape to make sure it is thoroughly stuck down

Wording

Decide what words are needed - remembering to keep them simple as you can't fit too many letters on a banner

A suggested layout is something like:



Cutting out letters

- Select the colour of paper (white is simple & easy but other colour paper is OK to match your teams colours)
- Using stencils trace out each letter (Hint: use Microsoft Word to insert a letter & size it to print on A4 paper)
- Cut out each letter & place it on the floor near the banner

Adding the words to the banner

NB: the back of the banner will be face up therefore do it first. If there are no words for the back, turn the banner over & put the message on the front

Top line

- Lay out the words of the top line by placing the middle letter on the centre line of the banner & one row down from the top
- Place all wording roughly into position around that middle letter
- Important: make sure the first & last letters are at least 50cm from the edge of the banner so that the banner can be wrapped around the poles
- NB: the first & last letter of the row must be equally spaced from the banner edge so that the wording is symmetrical (unless there is a picture or something similar to add)
- Arrange all wording of the top line making sure that spaces between each letter, & between each word, are appropriate
- Do the same for all other lines of words
- View the lines of words from as far back from the centre as possible to check the symmetry & spelling &, if everything is good, tape all letters down with 5cm sticky tape NB: the letters near the bottom of the banner MUST be individually taped to allow the players to run through the "soft spot" without getting caught up in too much tape
- Walk on all tape to make sure it is thoroughly stuck down NB: this MUST be done thoroughly as any loose tape, especially loose tape ends, will stick in the wrong place & can rip & ruin the banner when it is being unfolded
- When the back is finished carefully turn the banner over
- Do the same as above for the front of the banner

PUTTING THE BANNER ON THE POLES

- Lay a pole on top of each end of the banner with about 5 to 10cm of the pole extending below the bottom edge of the banner. NB: each pole should extend above the banner too so that ropes can be tied to the top when ready to show it
- Wrap the banner edge over the pole so that it is able to be stuck to the widest edge of the pole using the 5cm sticky tape
- Tape the end edge of the banner to the pole all the way along the side edge
- Rotate the pole a full turn so that the edge of the pole is fully & tightly wrapped in the crepe & tape the join where the crepe meets using the 5cm sticky tape
- Using 5cm sticky tape run overlapping rows of tape along this both sides of this join & also on all crepe that is around the pole
- Using 5cm sticky tape run about 50cm of tape at 90° to the pole at the join of every row of crepe
- Repeat the above with the other pole
- To strengthen the 4 corners of the banner add several lots of tape at 45° about 50cm in from each end to the pole
- Walk on all tape to make sure it is thoroughly stuck down
- Roll or fold the banner neatly & cover it with plastic to protect it as it will most likely need to go on a car roof (Hint: strong garbage bags with the ends cut open are good for this)