

Cr e a t i n g a S w e e t h e a r t B a n n e r

Chapter Sweethearts and Princesses wear a Chapter Banner with the Chapter Crown at all business and formal events where she is representing the Chapter. Creating the Chapter Banner can be done by the out-going Sweetheart, Parents Club or any other DeMolay Chapter Booster. Chapter Banners are not hard to make and should take about one week to have embroidered plus some cutting and sewing time. Your banner should cost not more than \$30.00–\$35.00. Embroidery and all!

Color: Consult with the in-coming Master Councilor and try to coordinate the Chapter Banner with his colors of the term or ask for his input if he has not colors chosen. Remember—the Chapter Banner will have to be worn with dresses and formals of every color - so try to keep the choice as simple as possible. **IMPORTANT**—Chapter Banners may not be White or Black! White is a color reserved for the Divisional Sweethearts and Princesses Banners. Some color choices that are good are red, blue, green, teal, pink, burgundy, navy, and purple, Jewel tones seem to work best because they can be recognized from far away and the white embroidery looks very nice. Black and Brown is too drab and dark and is viewed by the affiliated girls organizations as off limits. Besides we want our Sweethearts and Princesses to stand out in a crown and what better way than with a colorful Banner.

Fabric: Satin, brocade or any crisp formal fabric is recommended. If the material you have chosen is on the lightweight side use a interfacing to help with the embroidery and also hangs nicely. One yard of your satin will make 2 to 3 Banner front sides (depending on how long you need to make the banners). One yard of a cotton coordinating material for the back side is also needed. Cotton is important—it tends to stay up on the Sweethearts' shoulder and the satin slips too much if you use it on the back side.

Lace—6 yards of lace is needed to go around the banner. Check around your department stores—some have a "Measure and Cut your Own" section that have great buys. They can go as low at 4 yards for a dollar. Pick up lace when it is on sale and you will really save a bundle. Lace can be small or large—but we recommend no larger than 1 1/2 inches—the larger lace tends to dwarf the banner and irritates the girls neck near the shoulder area.

Size: Your finished banner should be 5" in width and approximately 70" long. The length will be determined by the girl.



Directions: Cut two 36" by 7" pieces of satin material for the front side, and two 36" by 7" pieces of cotton material for the back side. On the smaller ends you can cut a 90 degree angle—when you sew the banner this will form the tapered end. You will have one inch seam allowances. (if you need to use interfacing cut the same measurements)

Take one piece of the 36"x7" satin and the interfacing to the embroidery shop and ask them to embroider "(Your Chapter Name) Chapter Sweetheart" in white script, start 6 1/2 inches from the top .

When you get this back pin the two satin pieces right sides together—lengthwise—so you have one piece of satin with the lettering on the front and one piece with no lettering for the back. Check placement—this will be worn on the left shoulder with the lettering going across the body to the right side. People should be able to read the lettering—it should look upside down to the Sweetheart. When correct—sew together. Now you have one long piece. Sew the two cotton pieces together in the same manner. Now you have two long pieces that you will pin right sides together—inserting the lace between the two layers. Remember the lace should be on the facing inside with all three edges together—a little tricky pinning—but if you pin it right you won't have a problem sewing it. After pinning it all together—sew the two long edges and one short edge together. Leave one edge open for turning. Turn to right side and check your work! The lace should extend and your should have satin on the outside and cotton on the inside. Now just hand stitch the last side—preferable the back side—and your done! If you have any questions please feel free to give the NCDA Sweetheart Advisor a call.

