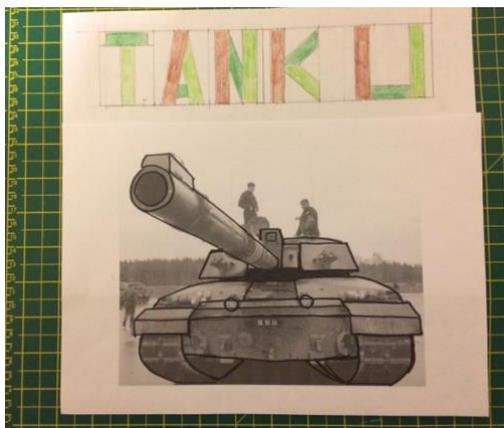
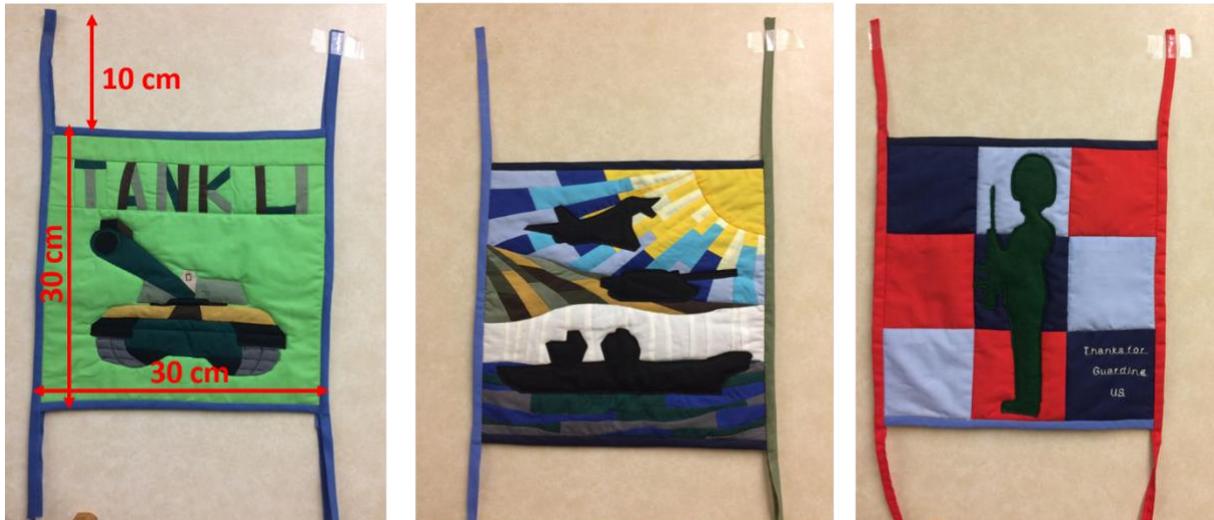


FLAGS OF THANKS MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

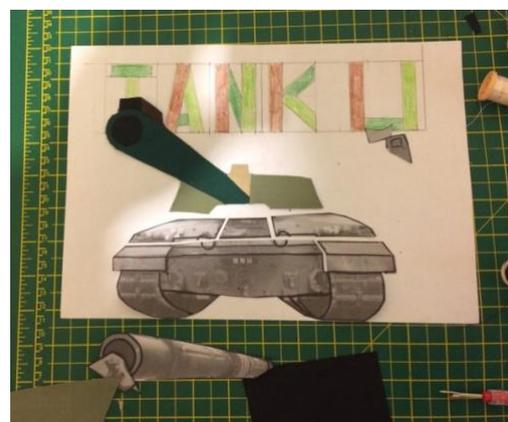
Flags are to be square, 30cm x 30cm including binding. Whilst I have given instructions I am not an expert quilter and I am sure there are many of you far more talented than me that will do things your own way. Please however keep to the size and the binding width, this will allow me to sew the flags together after they have been displayed to make larger quilts, ponchos or sleeping bags for the homeless veterans. Here are some examples I have made so far.



Draw your design on a 30cm x 30cm piece of paper.

Please use your imagination, Flag designs can be patchwork, appliqué or embroidered, drawn or painted with washable fabric ink, or any combination of the above. In this example I have done the writing TANK U in patchwork and done appliqué for the picture.

Make the Quilted Flag Front. For the tank I have copied a picture from the internet, printed it out and cut it in to suitable size pieces to applique.





Complete the quilt front

In my example I used patchwork to make the TANK U. I have made the tank from applique pieces. I have not sewn the pieces to the quilt top I do this after I have made up the quilt sandwich.

Making the quilt

Join the 3 layers together

The wadding should be 2oz polyester

The backing should be a medium weight drill/twill type material.



I have held the 3 layers together using safety pins, I know everyone has their own preferences.

Making the Binding

The binding will secure the 3 layers of the quilt and the ties to join the flags together when being displayed. I have used 25mm bias binding but I know you many of you will make your own binding. If you use bias binding start by ironing it open



Connect the top and bottom binding first. Lining the edge of the binding with the edge of the quilt sandwich, I have used a seam allowance of xxmm.



Fold over binding and Iron flat



Topstitch along binding close to edge, making sure you catch all layers, and backstitch at the beginning and end.



Now connect the side bindings in the same way including the extra 10 cm at the top and the bottom to make the ties. Sew the edges of the ties together

