

their dwellings (minus a roof and front wall). The holiday of Sukkot arrived, finding the Chelmites in happy spirits. There had been plenty of room for everyone to build an expansive sukkah and to decorate it to their heart's content (and it hadn't cost them a thing). The wisdom of Chelm had prevailed yet again.

Of course, there was the small question of how they would afford the lumber to rebuild their houses after Sukkot. However, dear reader, that's another story for another time...

That night, the sun set on the rows of bough-covered dwellings...and evening shadows filled the now desolate clearing that once was Chelm.



# Make a Sukkot Banner

## *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*

### Materials:

- Dark colored felt, 25" tall by 28" wide
- Squares of light colored felt (about 4)
- 2 dowel rods, 29" long
- Fabric glue
- Fabric paint (bright colored glitter or metallic paint is best)
- 40" of matching ribbon to hang it with

### Directions:

1. Stitch a 2-inch hem in the top and bottom of the dark felt piece.
2. Trace the Hebrew letters provided here. Cut out the tracings and use them as patterns to cut the letters out of the light colored felt. You will need:
  - 3 of Bet
  - 2 of Aleph
  - 1 of everything else
3. Place felt letters on the dark felt piece according to the picture below. When you are satisfied with their placement, glue them to the fabric. Weight the letters down as they dry.
4. Using a bright colored fabric paint, outline each letter carefully. Allow paint to dry thoroughly.
5. If desired, glue bright colored trim to the sides of the banner, as pictured below.
6. Slide one dowel into the top hem, and the other dowel into the bottom hem. Tie one end of the ribbon to one side of the top dowel and the other end of the ribbon to the other side of the top dowel.
6. Hang the banner in your sukkah, and don't forget to bring it inside the house if there is rain in the forecast!



