

BANNERS & STANDARDS

Guidelines

The pre-cut banner and swallow-tailed standard blanks that these guidelines accompany are made from photo-etched brass, and the banner staffs are made from hardened brass wire.

To make banners or swallow-tailed company standards, and to obtain the best results, it is *highly* recommended that you read through all the guidelines **first** and then follow the steps exactly as described:

1. Take one of the pre-cut brass banner blanks and wrap each of its tabs carefully around a wire banner staff, as shown in the illustrations overleaf.
2. Position the brass banner blank so that its top edge is a millimetre or two from the end of the brass wire, as shown in the illustrations overleaf.
3. Now apply a *tiny* drop of super glue to each of the tabs and allow it to dry.
4. Trim off the ends of the tabs so that they end flush with the 'hoist' edge of the brass blank. The 'hoist' is the side of a flag attached to or nearest the flagstaff, as shown in the illustrations overleaf.
5. Now give both sides of the brass blank a coat of clear GLOSS varnish or lacquer and allow it to dry thoroughly. The gloss finish will help to reduce the risk of any air bubbles getting trapped under the decals (transfers).

Now is also a good time to paint the banner staff with its appropriate colour finish, e.g. natural wood, or a livery colour.

6. Next gently bend the blank into a shape that suggests movement of the banner or standard
7. Apply the transfers, one to each side of the brass blank.
8. Touch in the edges of the brass blank with a colour matching the edges of the banner or standard, to conceal any metal that might be visible around the edges.
9. Finally, give the entire banner or standard a coat of clear gloss, satin or matt ACRYLIC* varnish to seal and protect the surfaces of the transfers.

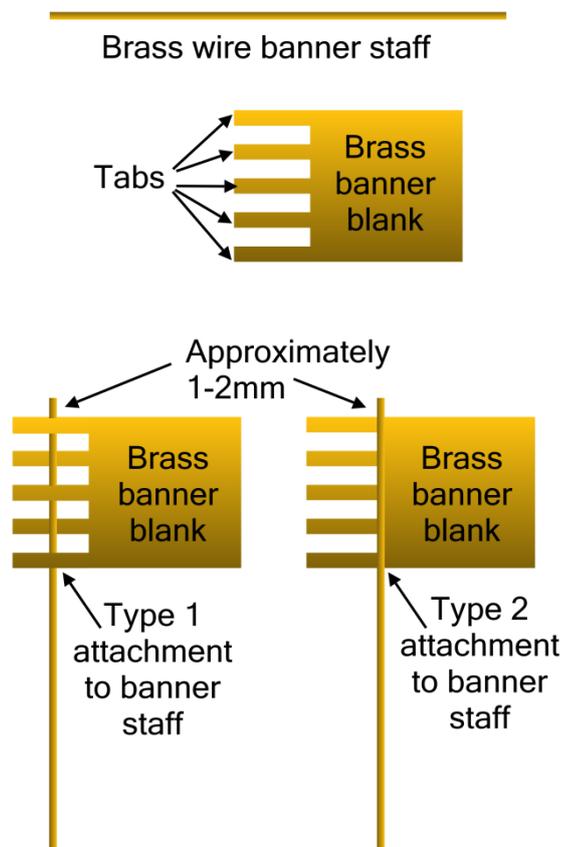
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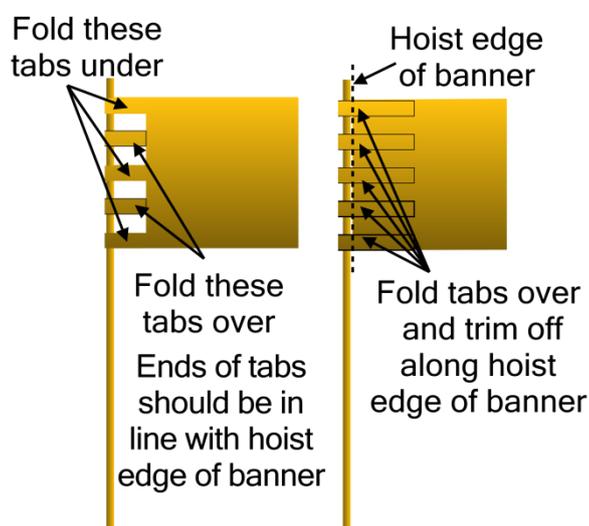
* Do **NOT** use a solvent-based varnish to over-coat the decals. The solvent may soften the medium used to print the decals and spoil or even damage the decal's surface.

The illustrations below show the optional ways of attaching the brass banner blank to the wire banner staff.



Optional ways of attaching banner to staff

Type 1 attachment allows the banner to be curved more to indicate motion. It also vertically aligns the banner staff more with the banner, whereas Type 2 attachment tends to align the banner more to the left or right of the banner staff, depending on which way the tabs are folded around the brass wire. Type 1 requires a little more care in making sure that the wire banner staff is located centrally between all the tabs.



Aligning ends of tabs with banner's hoist edge