

VE-DAY May 8th

75th anniversary

Make your own bunting

This year we are celebrating 75 years since the end of the Second World War - on Victory in Europe Day. As we remember, celebrate and salute the many sacrifices made to free the world from tyranny, here's one way anybody - young or old - can join in and help mark this special occasion.

You will need:

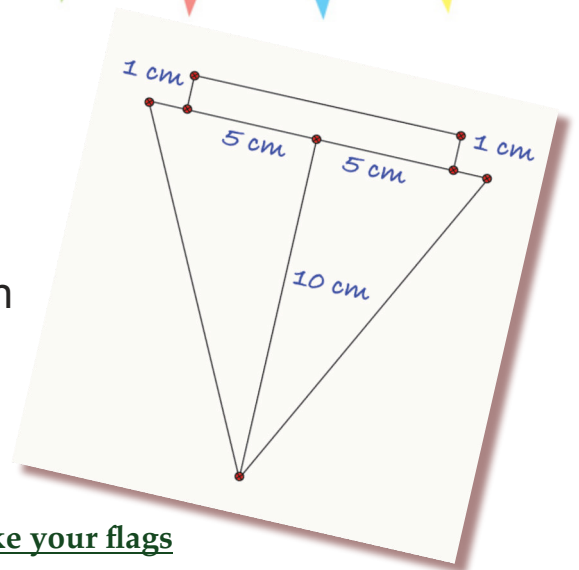
A sheet of paper
Pencil
Ruler
Card or cardboard
Scissors
Fabric (about 11cm x 11cm per flag)
A piece of string or ribbon
Iron (optional)
Glue

1 Draw your flag

Near the top of a piece of paper draw a straight line of 10 cm. At the half-way point draw another 10 cm line at right angles down. Then draw two further lines linking the ends of the two lines into a triangle shape. Next, from the top line, measure 1 cm in from both ends and draw lines of about 1 cm at right angles upwards. Join the two points to make a flap (see diagram).

2 Make a template

Carefully cut out the shape (not forgetting to include the flap at the top) and place it on a piece of card. Trace the shape onto the card with a pencil and then cut out the card to make a firm template.



3 Make your flags

Use the template to trace triangle shapes onto the fabric and then cut them out. You will need about seven flags to make a metre of bunting. Any fabric will do - you can use different ones or the flags can be all the same. If you have red, white and blue fabrics it would be perfect to reference the Union Jack flag for the celebrations on VE-Day on May 8th.

4 Assemble the bunting

Take each flag, fold over the flap and use a ruler or your finger to crease it. (You could, if you prefer, use an iron to make a sharper crease). Place the flags in a row about 1-2 cm apart and then lay a one metre piece of string or ribbon on top (allowing about 10 cm at either end for the ties!). Fold the flap over the string and glue it to the flag. Hang in your window for all to see!

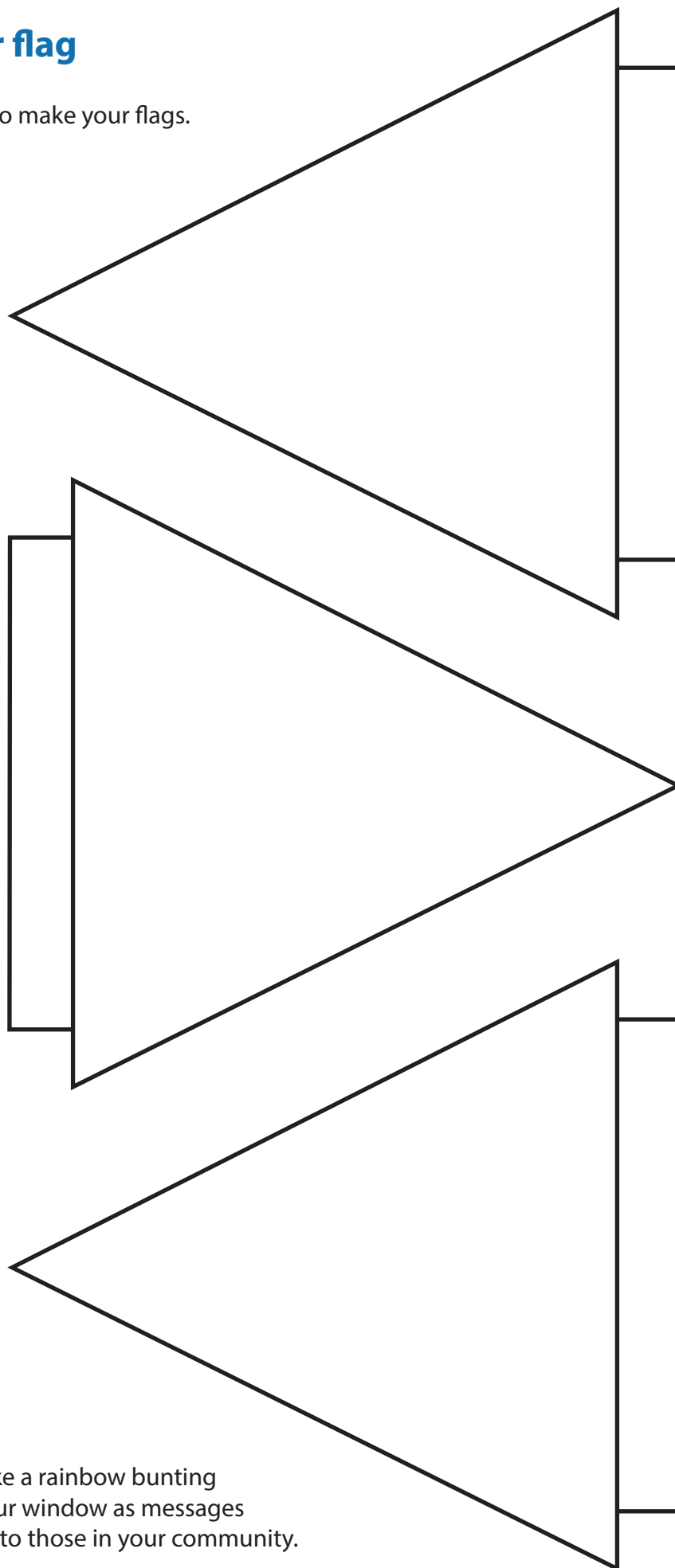


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Template for flag

Actual size.

Use this as a guide to make your flags.



You could even make a rainbow bunting flag to display in your window as messages of hope and thanks to those in your community.