

Activity Idea

Pride Paper Wreath

Recommended for Families



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During Pride parades and in celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, one of the most often seen decoration is the rainbow flag. A flag is a piece of fabric, usually rectangular, with a distinctive design and colors and is used as a symbol or decoration. The rainbow flag uses colors that are based on the colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. These are the colors that compose the visible light spectrum or colors that can be seen with the human eye. The

first rainbow flag flown in a Pride celebration was created by artist and activist Gilbert Baker (1951-2017) with help from others like Lynn Segerblom and James McNamara. The rainbow flag they created flew at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 25, 1978 and variations of this flag are now flown worldwide for LGBTQ+ Pride. If you would like to celebrate Pride Month, but don't have the materials to make your own rainbow flag, here are directions for creating a Pride Paper Wreath. Use rainbow colors or colors of your choice and in your own pattern to celebrate Pride!



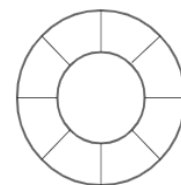
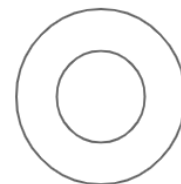
Pride Wreath Activity:

Materials Needed

- Heavy paper as large as you want your wreath to be (card stock, cardboard, side of package, are all okay)
- Multi-colored card stock (alternatively, you can color printer paper using crayons, markers, or colored pencils)
- Paper glue or Mod Podge
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Two circular items like plates, one bigger and one smaller
- Sponge/foam brush
- Optional: Paper plates, paint dots, crayons, string

Instructions

1. Put the large circular item on your heavy paper and trace it with your pencil.
2. Put the smaller circular item inside that circle and trace it as well.
3. Cut the outside circle from your heavy paper.
4. Cut the inside circle out, leaving a donut. Save it for use with another project or discard it.
5. Using your pencil and ruler, draw straight lines from the inside toward the outside of your donut making multiple sections. The amount of sections you make depends on how many colors you plan to include – plan out at least one section per color.
6. Cut small leaf shapes from your colored paper. They should be roughly the same size, but don't worry if they're not perfect.
7. Once your leaves are cut out, roll each leaf around your pencil to make them curve.
8. Next, place a small bit of glue at one end of each leaf of the same color and place them, facing the same direction within a section of your donut. Repeat for leaves of each color until your donut is full. Now, it's a wreath!
9. Optional: Tie a string around your wreath and hang it in a prominent place.



This activity is inspired by Isla of *The Confounded Crafter*. Check out her blog: <https://tinyurl.com/ydfveayc>