

Family Treasures Bunting

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day with Inspire!

8th May 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War in Europe - VE Day ('Victory in Europe' Day).

Complete victory - with the ending of the war in the Pacific - was still another three months away (VJ Day) - but in May 1945, after nearly six years of war, celebrating Victory in Europe was cause enough.

Street parties were, of course, a great part of these celebrations, and whilst we, with the current government restrictions, may not be able to commemorate in the same way, we are inviting households to mark the anniversary in their own homes by making a personal bunting flag to capture and reflect your family history during the war years.



Be part of the 75th anniversary of VE Day celebrations and make Family Bunting that will capture and reflect your family history during the war years. Follow the suggestions below, and take part in these national commemorations from your own home.

Getting started - here are some ideas for your family bunting flags:

- If you or your family members have any **wartime memorabilia**, make a copy of it for a flag. You may have a treasured family photograph, a ration book, medals, militaria, something special from the 'home front'...
- Scan, photograph, print and draw copies of precious items.
- Copy part of a vintage **embroidered tablecloth**, a section of patchwork, an example of knitting, a vintage fabric.
- You could write out a **wartime recipe** or copy a page from an actual wartime family recipe book.
- Use any scraps of fabric or cut up old clothes and knitwear to craft original '**make do and mend**' inspired flags.
- Try making a **folded rosette** from scrap paper to decorate your bunting flags and apply buttons and other vintage style decorations.



Method:

1. Chose a template, cut out and fill in the information you would like to share.
2. You can stick the copy of your artefact directly to the front of the template or use the template as a guide to draw round and cut out.
3. A collage of items on a flag looks lovely, combine copied artefacts with items you have made, drawn and coloured.
4. To finish make a small fold at the top of the flag and staple it to a length of string or bunting tape.

We hope you enjoy creating your Family Treasures Bunting and, when complete, will share photos of it with us, look out for more information about this on our website www.inspireculture.org.uk/

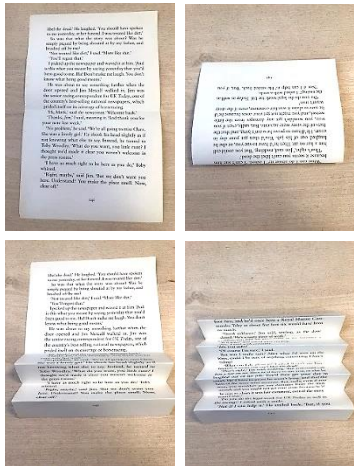
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Make a vintage style folded rosette



'How to'

1 Fold 2 sheets of recycled paper into fans



2 Fold again to find the middle



3 Staple them together



4 Open the fans and join edges



5 Glue on the centre circle



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