

# FLAGS



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# How To

## WHAT ARE WE ASKING YOU TO DO!

Make a flag to be raised at the Powderhorn Art Fair opening ceremony that represents what you want to honor and recognize from the last few years- resistance, memorial, togetherness, neighbors, community etc. Fly your Flag up for...what you are taking away and moving forward with into the future.

## DESIGNING YOUR FLAG

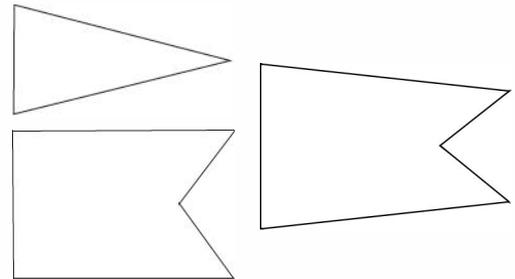
1. Start with what you want to honor from the last several years, a feeling, a place, an idea- you can express that abstractly with shapes and color or you can also include representational shapes- a house, hands, a face etc. I encourage simple shapes and designs- easier to sew and to see when flying! Think of making symbols that are a code for what you want to express. You can draw some design ideas first, or just play around with fabric.
2. Flags in this project present an opportunity to be designed as two-sided paintings or sculptures that do not necessarily have to be identical on both sides but can play with the opportunities provided by an object that flies!
3. There has also been a recent surge of interest in flag design- you may want to take this approach- it's a fun way to guide how you think about the flag. This is a helpful page on flag design principles from the North American Vexillological Association.  
[www.nava.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=622278&module\\_id=475717](http://www.nava.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=622278&module_id=475717)
4. I am particularly inspired by nautical flags and flags that ships fly called "House Flags" - they are great sources of inspiration. You can see lots of them here-  
[www.crwflags.com/fotw/flags/x~hf.html#fly](http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/flags/x~hf.html#fly)

## SIZE

Keep your flag relatively small!  
A good size range to start with- 12-14 inches high by 18-20 inches wide.  
Small flags are easier to make and will fly better in this configuration!

## SHAPE

Rectangles are fine, but there are also lots of other shapes to think about- square, swallowtail, burgee, pennant, etc.



## MATERIALS

Lightweight materials work best since they fly well! You can use synthetic- nylon, polyester and the like or lightweight natural fibers. Heavier fabrics will not fly as well, but can still be used, I have made flags with canvas and they work ok.

## MAKING YOUR FLAG

The easiest way to do this is make a blank flag shape out of one piece of fabric then applique cut fabric shapes that make up your design on that flag blank.

1. Make your blank flag shape- cut it out, hem edges if needed or desired.
2. Applique is a cool word for taking smaller pieces of fabric and sewing or attaching to a larger piece of fabric to make a design. Cut your fabric to make the shapes that create your design.
3. Attach those smaller pieces of fabric to your flag blank before you sew- you can use a glue stick, double stick tape, pins, spray adhesive.
4. Sew your design onto the flag blank! You can use a machine or sew by hand, with either method, zig zag stitches work best.
5. If you have a grommet setter you can add grommets to corners, this is how the flag will hang. [NOTE: If you do not have grommets, we will insert grommets when the flag is dropped off. Please indicate where the grommets should go- which edge of the flag is the flag pole side.]

## IN-PERSON SUPPORT

### Make & Take Event

Powderhorn Park Recreation Center  
3400 South 15th Avenue, Minneapolis - 55407  
Tuesday, June 28th - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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### Fabric Pick-Up & Assisted Sewing Dates

RETHINK Tailoring & Sewing Lounge  
3449 Bloomington Avenue, Minneapolis - 55407

Wednesday, June 22nd  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Fabric pick-up ONLY

Wednesday, June 29th  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Fabric pick-up ONLY

Wednesday, July 13th  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Assisted Sewing Session & Fabric pick-up

## QUESTIONS AND MORE INFO

Visit: [www.powderhornartfair.com/ceremonies](http://www.powderhornartfair.com/ceremonies)  
or reach out with questions via email to  
[peter@phtpht.com](mailto:peter@phtpht.com)

## BROUGHT TO YOU BY



## FLAG DROP OFF

If you are interested in having your flag added to the art installation at this year's Powderhorn Art Fair, which takes place on August 6th & 7th, please note the times you can swing by the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) office to drop off your flag.

PPNA Office  
821 East 35th Street, Minneapolis - 55407

Monday, July 18th  
1:00 pm 3:00 pm

Wednesday, July 20th  
1:00 pm 3:00 pm

Monday, July 25th  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 27th  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## FLAG RETURN

If you would like to have your flag back after it's part of an art installation at the Powderhorn Art Fair. You can stop by the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association during the following times in August to claim your flag

Monday, August 15th  
11:00 am to 3 pm

Wednesday, August 17th  
11:00 am to 3 pm

Monday, August 22nd  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm