



RAISE A
FLAG FOR
MLK

A COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

MLK DAYS 2021 AT ANNMARIE SCULPTURE GARDEN & ARTS CENTER

AT HOME SUPPLY LIST

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Flag template.** Find a weatherproof “canvas” to use as the base of your flag. Reusable shopping bags, old shower curtains, old vinyl tablecloths or placemats, or even a plastic pet food bag or trash bag are good materials to consider for this. Synthetic materials like plastics, vinyls, and nylons work best. Cut your flag template to 9” x 12.”
- **Assorted fabric and paper pieces.** Any old thin non-stretchy fabric will work. Old sheets and pillowcases, old tablecloths, old jeans—what do you have that you could cut and use. Any thin paper will work as well. Magazines, junk mail, old books, cereal boxes and food cartons. Take a peek in your trash can or recycle bin and see what you find!
- **Permanent markers, crayons or craft/acrylic paints.** This is only if you want to draw or write on your flag as well.
- **Glue.** Outdoor, waterproof glue is best. If you don’t have that, hot glue, tacky glue, mod podge, or elmer’s glue can be used to make an indoor flag. We are using clear acrylic gel medium on our flags at Annmarie. It can be found at arts and craft stores in the paint aisle.
- **Sealer:** *if you intend to hang your flag outside, you will need to seal it.* Any spray or brush on varnish will work. You can find these at hardware stores or arts and craft stores. We are using the same acrylic gel medium we used as glue. It does double duty!

JOIN US ONLINE AND CREATE TOGETHER!

You can join one of our **free zoom workshops** by signing up on our website, www.annmariegarden.org. Workshops run January 16-18, 11am-Noon each day; and are led by visiting artist, Esther Iverem. Meet the artist, learn about her work and processes, and join the creative community conversation as we create meaningful artwork together!

WORK AT HOME AT YOUR OWN PACE

Can’t join a Zoom workshop? That’s okay, you can work on your own at home. Just follow the simple instructions below. Share a photo of your finished flag with us!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **WORK SURFACE** - Dress for a mess and cover your work surface with newspaper, a plastic bag or tablecloth.
2. **MESSAGE** - Think of Dr. Martin Luther King’s dreams, goals, hopes. Think of the world as it was when he was alive. Think of the world as it is today. What do you want your flag to symbolize?
3. **DESIGN** - Lay the 9x12 flag template on your covered work surface. It is the “canvas” on which you will glue your fabrics and papers. Begin cutting and arranging your papers and fabric on the flag. Do not apply glue until you have thoughtfully arranged your design.
4. **DRAW/ WRITE** - If you’d like to draw designs or write words on your paper pieces, do it BEFORE you begin applying glue.
5. **GLUE** - Once arranged and words or drawn details are added, brush a thin layer of glue on your flag template. Adhere your collage on top.
6. **SEAL** - Once all pieces are adhered to the template, sponge, brush, or spray a varnish or sealant on the entire flag. 2 coats would be ideal. This will allow you to hang your flag outside. Skip this step if you plan to hang your flag inside.
7. **EMBELLISH** - Once it is sealed and dry, you can add paints and permanent marker if you’d like. Punch 2 holes on the side to hang it.

SHARE YOUR FLAG WITH US! Email a photo to programs@annmariegarden.org, OR drop it off to the AMG front desk to be included in our outdoor flag display! Flags will be displayed Feb 1-28 on the wooded path.

