Art Project: Make a Rainbow Flag

The rainbow flag flies on the flagpole on a windless day on Hillwood’s Lunar Lawn while visitors enjoy an outdoor film screening at Hillwood’s annual Divas Outdoors program.

The original rainbow flag had eight colors: hot pink, red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise, indigo and violet. Artist Gilbert Baker designed the first rainbow flag in 1978. He once described rainbows as a “natural flag in the sky.”

The rainbow flag represents love and acceptance and is a powerful symbol for the LGBTQ+ community. Take inspiration from the rainbow flag to create your own flag design, celebrating love and community.

Materials:

- Blank white paper
- Markers or crayons
- Colorful construction paper, tissue paper, and ribbons for decorating [optional]
- Pole for your flag, such as a small wooden dowel, pencil, stick, or ruler
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Tape
Steps:

1. Cut blank white paper to the size and shape desired for your flag.

   Your flag could be a rectangle, or you could choose to make it a triangle, or other shape.

2. Decorate your flag by drawing on it with crayons or markers.

   You can add more decoration, if you choose, by gluing on colorful construction paper, tissue paper, and ribbons.

3. When you are done decorating, tape your flag to its pole and enjoy!

Please share your finished product on social media!