



Reflect

# Fly your flag

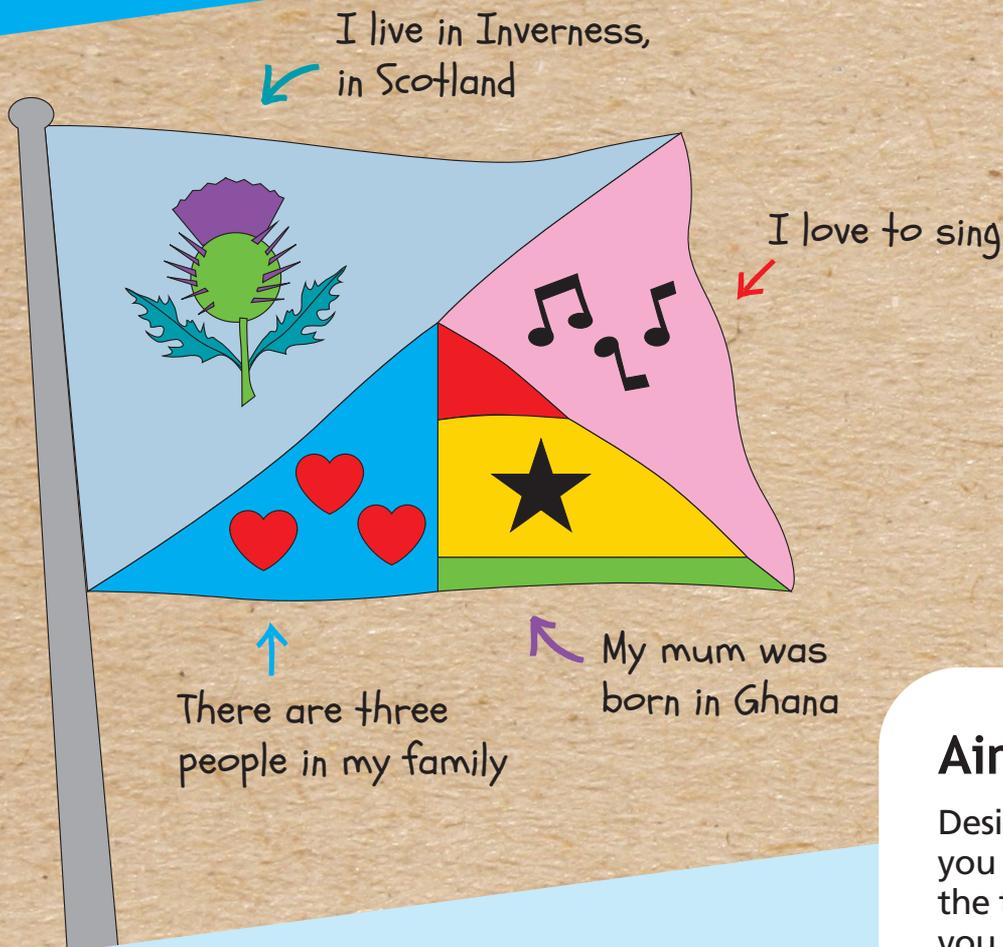
Stage

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30 mins



Skills builder



## Aim of activity

Design a flag just for you and show off all the things that make you unique!

## What you'll get out of it

- Think about what makes you unique.
- Use your imagination.
- Share your ideas.

## What you'll need

- Paper
- Pens or pencils
- Pictures of flags
- Pale-coloured fabric cut into A5 rectangles (optional)
- Wooden skewers with blunt ends or lollipop sticks (optional)
- Double-sided tape (optional)
- Fabric paints or pens (optional)



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## Note to leader

Girls shouldn't include full names or identifiable personal details (like addresses) on their flags.

## What to do

**1** Which flags do you know? You might know your country's flag, or a flag with the Girlguiding trefoil on it. Perhaps you've seen a rainbow-striped Pride flag? Have a look at the pictures of different flags your leader's brought in.

## Top tip

The colours and shapes on flags often have special meanings. For example, pirates used a skull picture to frighten people.

**2** You're going to design a flag to represent you. Take a sheet of paper to note down your ideas.

**3** First, choose the colours for your flag. Think about colours that remind you of:

- Feelings or beliefs – for example, some people connect red with love
- Family or friends
- Things that are special to you, like your favourite sports team

Use your ideas sheet to test out how the different colours look together.

**4** Now, think about the shapes and pictures you'll include on your flag. You could choose ones that show off your personality – like a star to show you're confident. Doodle some quick pictures on your ideas sheet.

## Try it this way

Some flags have animals or mythical creatures on. Which one would represent you best? Are you playful like a puppy, or fierce like a dragon? Draw your animal on your ideas sheet.

**5** Look at everything on your ideas sheet and choose your favourite parts to include on your flag.

**6** Now get making! Take a new sheet of paper and draw your own special flag, using the colours and shapes you've picked.

## Try it this way

If you have the materials, you could paint your flag design onto fabric and use double-sided tape to stick it onto a wooden skewer, so you can wave your flag!

**7** When you've finished, lay your flags out all together and see if you can guess whose is whose just by looking at them. What can the shapes and colours tell you about the person who made each flag?

## Take it further

Design a flag for a group of people who are special to you. It could be your unit, your family – or someone else!