

How to make an 'In Memoriam' Paper or Card Flag

From the **8th – 16th May**, BrumYODO and Birmingham Hippodrome will be presenting **In Memoriam** – an open-air art installation by internationally renowned artist Luke Jerram – in **Aston Park** as part of Dying Matters Awareness Week.

Inspired by Luke's artwork, you too can make an 'In Memoriam' flag to remember someone who has died, express how you are feeling or thank those who have done so much during the pandemic.

You can make your flag out of paper, card or fabric using an old sheet, T shirt or tote bag.

Think about where you want to display your flag – indoors or outdoors. If outside it's best to use fabric as it will be more robust.

Once you've made it, be sure to take a photo and upload to our website so that we can display it in our gallery: <https://brumyodo.org.uk/share-your-flags>

What you need for a paper / card flag

4 sheets of A4 paper or card	Sellotape or glue
Scissors	Pen or pencil
Ruler	
A stick for the flagpole e.g. garden cane, bamboo or you could make a paper flagpole by rolling up a few sheets of paper	To decorate: Wax crayons, colouring pencils, felt tips, Paints (acrylic for an outdoor flag) Scraps of fabric, buttons, ribbons, lace, pom poms, bows Photos or magazine cut outs



Step 1 - Make the flag

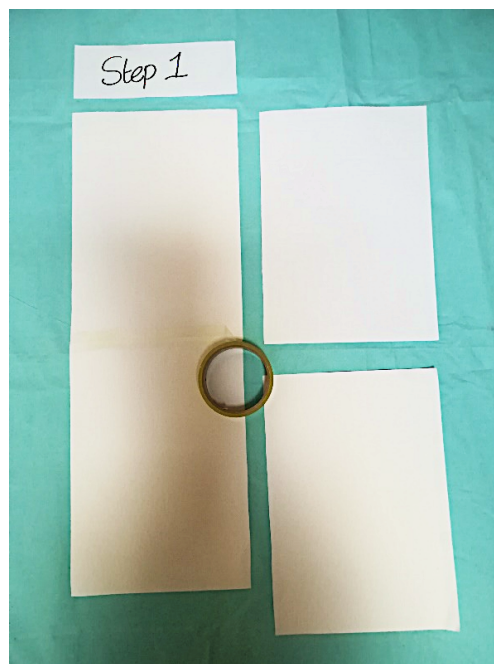
Take 2 sheets of paper and turn them so they are portrait.

Then sellotape or glue the 2 sheets of paper together on the short edges to make a long rectangle.

Repeat with 2 more sheets of paper and then tape the 2 long rectangles together on one of their long edges.

You've now made 1 large rectangle out of 4 sheets of paper.

Decide which side of the paper is going to be the front of your flag and which will be the back.



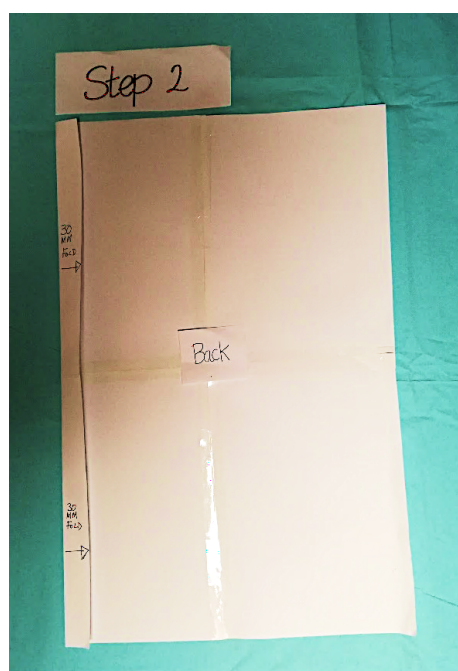
Step 2 - Make a pocket for your flagpole

Turn your flag over, so the back is facing up towards you.

Place your flagpole along one of the long sides of your flag, and then fold the edge of the paper over your flagpole to create the flagpole pocket.

We've suggested a 30mm fold here but this will depend on the width of your flagpole.

Seal the edge of the fold with tape or glue.



Step 3 – Making a flagpole

If you don't have a stick, piece of bamboo or garden cane for your flagpole, you can make a pole by joining 3 sheets of paper together.

Turn your 3 sheets of papers so they are portrait. Lay the papers end to end vertically, ensuring they overlap at the short edge.

Tape or glue the edges where the papers meet to create a long rectangle.

Now slowly roll the paper (keeping it as tight as you can) from the long side to make a tube shape.

Tape around the tube to hold in place. Use this as the flagpole.



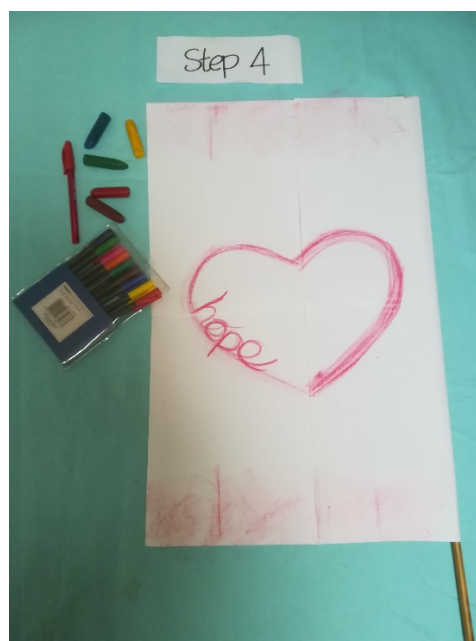
Step 4 - Decorate

Now it's time to decorate!

Turn the flag over so you can decorate the front.

Have a think about what you might want to say – do you want to use colours, shapes, patterns, words or pictures?

Are you dedicating your flag to someone and want to include a message?



If you also want to have a go at making another type of flag, then please go to our website www.brumyodo.org for more details!

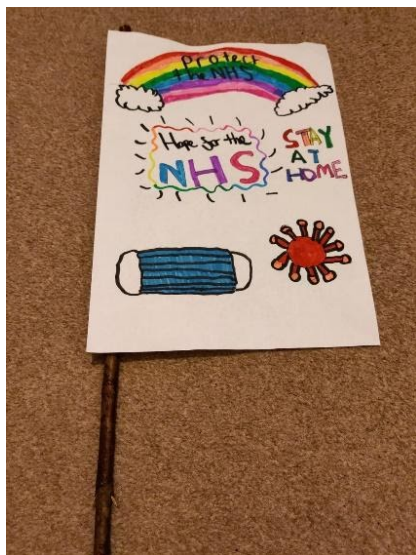


Step 5 – Take a photo of your finished flag

When you have finished your flag, find a place to display it and then take a photo to share with us. You can upload photos to our In Memoriam Birmingham photo gallery on our website – <https://brumyodo.org.uk/share-your-flags>

If you are planning to share your flag on social media, then you can also use the hashtags **#LifeDeathBrum** and **#InMemoriamBrum** and tag @BrumYODO and @brumhippodrome

We can't wait to see your flags! Please join us and be inspired by Luke Jerram's 'In Memoriam' to Thank, Reflect and Remember.



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