

Evolution of the Pride Flag

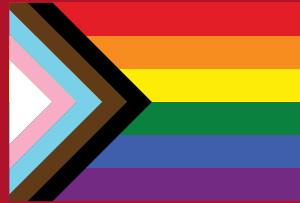
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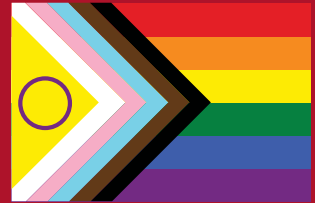
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Most people recognise the six-colour rainbow flag that symbolises pride for the LGBTQ+ community. But did you know more than 20 pride flags represent the different identities among LGBTQ+ people?

The Pride Flag represents the evolution of the original eight-colour (hot pink, red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise, indigo and violet) flag designed by Gilbert Baker in 1978 after difficulties in sourcing materials for the pink and turquoise stripes. By 1994, the six-colour Pride Flag was widely recognised as the international symbol for LGBTQ+ pride.

In 2018, artist Daniel Quasar designed a more inclusive flag incorporating the colours (baby pink, baby blue and white stripes) of the Transgender Flag, designed in 1999 by Monica Helms, and black and brown stripes to represent queer people of colour.

The Progress Pride Flag gained popularity and is now widely used around the globe. Progress Pride flags currently adorn Wally's Walk, and permanent rainbow-coloured pedestrian crossings and stairs now feature on campus.

In 2021, Valentino Vecchietti designed a new rendition of the Progress Pride Flag that includes the intersex symbol. We may see wider use of this flag in coming years.



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