

Flags

Of

LGBTQ+ Pride

A Guide 🙄

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## Just some Data

### **What Do the Colors in the New Pride Flag Mean?**

- The Progress Pride Flag was created with the inspiration of other pride flags—specifically, the Philadelphia Pride Flag from 2017 and the trans flag.
- The Philadelphia Pride Flag had black and brown vertical stripes added. The trans flag, created in 1999, is pink, baby blue, and white. Both of these flags inspired the design of the new pride flag.

### **The Meaning of the New Progress Pride Flag**

- The new Progress Pride Flag includes new colors and a new design that are meant to represent people of color, as well as people who are transgender, intersex, or non-binary.
- Black and Brown Represents People of Color

### **The Philadelphia Pride Flag**

- The colors black and brown were added to the Progress Pride Flag to represent people of color (POC).
- Additionally, the black and brown stripes are meant to represent people living with HIV/AIDS, those who have died from it, and the stigma around the virus that is still present in our society now.

### **Pink, Baby Blue, and White Represent Trans People**

- Traditionally, the colors pink and baby blue have been used to represent whether a baby is a boy or a girl. Here, the colors denote those genders.
- The color white represents people who are transitioning, intersex, or identify outside of the gender binary.
- The flag is meant to provide affirmation for trans people no matter how it is flown, with either side on top.

### **Color Placement and a New Shape**

- The word "progress" in the new flag isn't only about adding the new colors to it. It's also because of the shape, which differs from the original design of horizontal stripes only. The Progress Pride Flag shows the white, pink, baby blue, black, and brown stripes in a triangle shape, with the old six-color rainbow stacked next to them.
- This was done intentionally to convey the separation in meaning and shift focus to how important the issues represented on the left are.
- The placement of the new colors in an arrow shape is meant to convey the progress still needed. Quasar spoke publicly about how work is still needed in terms of POC and trans rights. This arrow design is meant to highlight that.

As the Pride flag continues to evolve, the most recent update includes a yellow triangle with a purple circle inside it to represent the intersex community. It now serves as the most up-to-date LGBTQIA+ flag

## Umbrella Flags



**Gilbert Baker Pride Flag** - The original Pride Flag (1978). Each color represents a part of the LGBTQ+ community: hot pink represents sex, red symbolizes life, orange stands for healing, yellow equals sunlight, green stands for nature, turquoise symbolizes magic and art, indigo represents serenity, while violet symbolizes the spirit of LGBTQ+ people.



**Traditional Pride Flag** - After the assassination of Harvey Milk, the rainbow flag was in high demand. Due to manufacturing issues, the hot pink stripe was removed. The turquoise stripe was removed from the flag as a design choice from Baker. The six color pride flag has represented the community for over 40 years and is still one of the most



**Philadelphia Pride Flag** - Unveiled at the city's pride event in 2017. Philadelphia commissioned this flag to incorporate queer communities of color that have often been overlooked in the mainstream LGBTQ+ movement. The addition of the black and brown stripes symbolize communities of color and their contribution to the movement.



**Progress Pride Flag** – Created by Daniel Quaser who added a white, pink, and light blue stripe to represent the Trans community. While the black and brown stripes still represented communities of color, the black stripe is also a nod the thousands of individuals that the community lost during the HIV/AIDS crisis in 1980s and 1990s.

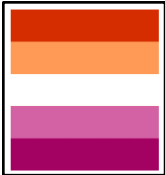


**Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride Flag** - The Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride Flag adds the intersex community to the Progress Pride Flag. With this update coming in 2021, this serves as the most up-to-date LGBTQ+ flag. The flag was created by Valentino Vecchietti of Intersex Equality Rights UK.



**Queer Pride Flag** - Created in 2015, the flag represents all aspects of queerness. The pink and blue shades represented same-gender attraction while the orange and green stripes stand for non-binary and gender non-confirming individuals. The black and white stripes symbolize asexual, aromantic, and the agender community.

## Sexual Orientation Flags



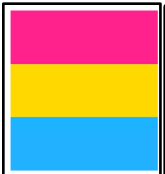
**Lesbian Pride Flag** - While there have been many iterations of the Lesbian Pride Flag, this has been in use since 2018. Since then, it has been widely accepted. The different shades of red, pink, and orange represent the different types of femininity in the lesbian community.



**Trans-Inclusive Gay Men's Pride Flag** - This is the second version of the Gay Men's Pride Flag. The original only had green, blue and white. This version has different shades of green and blue to include non-cisgender gay men.



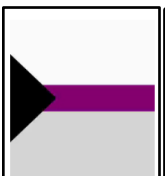
**Bisexual Pride Flag** - The Bisexual Flag was created in 1998 by Michael Page to bring awareness of the bisexual community. The pink represents bisexual's attraction to the same gender while the blue represents the attraction to the opposite gender. The purple stripe in the middle represents attraction to two genders.



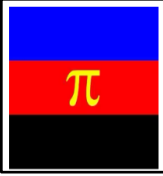
**Pansexual Pride Flag** – (2010) Have the potential for emotional, romantic, or sexual attraction to people of any gender though not necessarily at the same time/way/degree. The pink stripe represents attraction to women while the blue stripe represents attraction to men. The yellow stripe is for everyone else in-between and beyond the gender binary.



**Asexual Pride Flag** – Created in 2010 following a contest by the Asexual Visibility and Education Network. Asexual persons do not have a sexual attraction to any gender. Each stripe has a different meaning: black represents asexuality, gray means gray-asexuality & demisexuality, white stands for non-asexual partners and allies, and the purple represents community.



**Demisexual Pride Flag** - Unknown when created, it represents people who only form sexual attraction for people once they have established a deep emotional connection with them. Each color has a different meaning: black represents asexuality, gray stands for demisexuality, white means sexuality, while purple represents community.



**Polyamory Pride Flag** - Created by Jim Evans in 1995. Blue stands for openness and honesty of everyone involved, red represents love and passion, while black stands for solidarity with those who must hide their polyamorous relationships. The Pi sign in the middle signifies the infinite options of partners available to polyamorous people.



**Polysexual Pride Flag** - The Polysexual Pride Flag was created online in 2012 for people that are attracted to multiple, yet not all, gender. The blue stripe represents attraction to men, pink stands for the attraction to women, while green is for attraction to those outside of the binary.

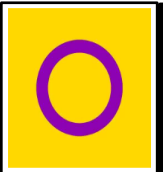
## Gender Identity & Gender Expression Flags



**Transgender Pride Flag** - Created by US Navy Veteran Monica Helms in 2000. The blue stripes represent the 'traditional boy' colors while the pink stripes represent the 'traditional girl' colors. The white stripe represents those who are intersex, transitioning, or have an undefined gender. Check out a Tik Tok on the history of the Trans Flag!



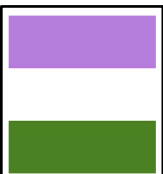
**Non-Binary Pride Flag** – (2014) Represents those who do not identify with either binary gender or within the binary at all. The yellow stripe represents a gender outside of the binary. White stripe stands for those who have multiple or all genders. Purple stripe symbolizes those who fall between the male/female binary. The black stripe represents those with no gender.



**Intersex Pride Flag** - Developed in 2013 by the co-chair of Intersex Human Rights Australia, Morgan Carpenter. Intersex people are those born with a variety of differences in their sex traits and reproductive anatomy. There is no one way to be intersex as everyone's experience is unique. The creator chose yellow and purple as those are seen as gender neutral colors.



**Genderfluid Pride Flag** - Developed in 2013 by JJ Poole for people whose gender identity and/or gender expression fluctuates. Pink stands for femininity, while blue stands for masculinity, white represents the lack of gender while black symbolizes all genders, the purple stripe represents a combination of masculinity and femininity.



**Genderqueer Pride Flag** - Marilyn Roxie 2011. These people reject the static categories of gender as they may see themselves as both or neither male and female or beyond the binary. The lavender stripe represents androgyny and other queer identities while the white stripe stands for agender people. The green stripe symbolizes those who fall outside of the binary.



**Agender Pride Flag** - The Agender Pride Flag was created in 2014 to represent those who have an unidentifiable gender, are gender neutral, or have no gender. The black and white stripes represent the absence of gender while the gray stripes stand for semi-genderless people. The green stripe represents non-binary people.



**Bigender Flag** - The creation of the Bigender Pride Flag is unknown. The flag represents those who have two genders. In some cases, this is both male and female, but it can also include non-binary identities. These two gender identities can occur at the same time or they can vary over time.



**Demigender Pride Flag** - The details around the creation of the Demigender Pride Flag are unknown. The flag represents those people who have a partial feeling, but not a full connection, to a particular gender identity or to the concept of gender.

## Intersectionality Pride Flags



**Pride of Africa Flag** - The Pride of Africa debuted at Johannesburg Pride in 2019. It was created by Pride of Africa Foundation. This is the first pan-African LGBTQ+ flag. It is inspired by the flags of all the countries in Africa.



**Queer People of Color Pride Flag** - San Francisco Pride in 2019, and rose to prominence in 2020 during the Black Lives Matter Protests. The flag signifies how the struggle for racial equality and queer equality often intersect. It also honors the number of QPOC that have spent their lives fighting for both queer and racial equity.



**Two-Spirit Pride Flag** - The Two-Spirit Pride Flag represents Indigenous American that identity as two-spirit individuals meaning they fall outside of the M-F binary. The feathers represent masculine and feminine identities. The circle signifies the unification of both identities into a separate gender while the rainbow represents modern queer identities.



