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HERE ARE THE MEANINGS BEHIND POPULAR PRIDE FLAGS

From the Progress flag to the nonbinary flag



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Pride Month brings about many celebrations and parades to show **support for the queer community**. With those celebrations comes an entire rainbow of flags (pun intended). With so many flags to keep track of, you wouldn't be remiss to not know what some of them mean. Luckily, we're here to give you a primer on what these flags mean and where you can buy one yourself. There are a lot of Pride flags out there and we do mean *a lot*, so we've stuck to the most popular variations. Here's what to know.

When is Pride Month?

Pride Month occurs every June to commemorate the **Stonewall Riots**, a pivotal event that occurred on June 28, 1969 in the fight for Gay Rights. The United States formally recognized June as Pride Month in 1999.

What is Pride Month?

Pride Month is a month dedicated to celebrating [the queer community. During Pride Month, numerous Pride parades are held across the nation to highlight the community and support their rights.

The meanings of the most popular Pride flags

Pride flag

The **Pride flag** is the most famous and recognized of the LGBTQ+ flags, if not flags in general. Created by Gilbert Baker, it is meant to represent the entire queer community. Originally, the flag featured eight stripes—pink, red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise, indigo and violet.

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Soon after it was made, pink would be dropped and indigo and turquoise would be replaced with blue to make the six-stripe flag that is famous today.

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Progress flag

In recent years, Daniel Quasar's Pride Flag, commonly referred to as the **Progress** flag, has gained traction. This flag features the six-stripe rainbow along with a chevron featuring black, brown, blue, and pink bands to highlight LGBTQ+ people of color as well as the trans community.

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A more recent revision of the flag features the intersex flag in the chevron.

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Bisexual flag

Bisexuality generally refers to individuals who are attracted to both men and women. The flag consists of pink, purple and blue stripes.

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Transgender flag

Transgender refers to people whose gender identity doesn't match the sex they were assigned at birth. The trans flag is one of the more well-known LGBTQ+ flags and consists of a white stripe in the middle along with symmetrical pink and blue stripes.

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Intersex flag

Intersex refers to those whose biological sex does not fit the male/female binary. The intersex flag consists of an open purple circle in the middle of a yellow background.



Intersex Flag

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Lesbian flag

Lesbians are women who are attracted to other women. Originally consisting of solely horizontal pink stripes, many have adopted a more recent flag that incorporates shades of orange to be more inclusive toward women who aren't traditionally feminine.



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Another recent lesbian flag is the "lipstick lesbian" or "kiss lesbian" flag, which consists of a white band along with gradient shades of purple, pink, and brown and a pair of lips on the top left corner of the flag. This flag is meant to represent feminine-presenting lesbian women.



Lipstick Lesbian Flag

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Pansexual flag

Pansexuality refers to attraction to others regardless of gender identity. While it's sometimes used interchangeably with bisexuality, as some believe bisexuality to only encompass attraction for the two "traditional genders," pansexuality is distinguished by including all gender expressions, such as gender-fluid. The flag consists of pink, yellow, and blue stripes.



Pansexual Flag

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Gynosexual flag

Gynosexuality, also spelled *gynesexuality*, and sometimes referred to as *finsexuality*, is defined as being attracted to femininity, regardless of gender identity. Its flag is comprised of pink, brown and green bands.



Gynosexual Pride Flag

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Many within the gynosexual community dislike the colors of the flag and instead opt to represent themselves with alternate colors. One gynosexual flag that's gaining traction is a flag consisting of blue and pink gradients. Unfortunately, this flag is still niche enough that it's not commonly available for purchase.

Androsexual flag

Androsexuality is an attraction to masculinity, regardless of gender identity. The flag consists of blue, brown, and purple stripes.



Androsexual Pride Flag

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Gay flag

While "gay" is often used as a catchall term for the entire LGBTQ+ community, it technically refers to men who are attracted to other men. MLM or "men-loving-men" is a synonymous term. The MLM flag was created recently to give MLM their own flag distinct from the general Pride flag. It is meant to mirror the lesbian flag and consists of a gradient of blue stripes as well as a white stripe.



MLM Vincian Pride Flag

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Asexual flag

While **asexuality** typically refers to those who do not feel sexual attraction at all, the label is also used as an umbrella term to represent those who only experience attraction in very specific circumstances. This can be seen in the **flag's colors**, with black representing complete asexuality while gray represents gray asexuality and demisexuality.



Asexual Pride Flag

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Gray-asexual flag

Gray asexuality refers to the spectrum that comprises complete asexuality and allosexuality (attraction to others). The gray-ace flag is comprised of purple, gray and white stripes.



Greysexual Pride Flag

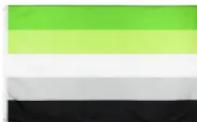
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Aromantic flag

Aromantic, often shortened to “aro,” refers to feeling little-to-no romantic attraction to others. The aromantic flag consists of dark green, light green, white, gray and black stripes.



Aromantic Pride Flag

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Aroace flag

Aromantic-asexual or “aroace” refers to those who are both aromantic and asexual. The aroace flag is comprised of orange, yellow, white, light blue and dark blue stripes.



Aroace Pride Flag

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Demisexual flag

Demisexuality is often classified as a form of asexuality and is defined as only being attracted to those one has formed an emotional connection. The flag sports the same colors as the asexual flag, but a black chevron and white, purple and gray stripes.



Demisexual Pride Flag

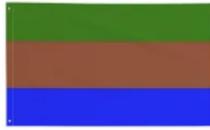
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Sapiosexual flag

Sapiosexuality, wherein attraction is derived from intelligence rather than physical traits, is sometimes categorized as a form of asexuality. Its flag consists of green, brown and dark blue lines.



Sapiosexual Pride Flag

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Gender identity flags

Beyond the trans flag, there are **several other flags** relating to gender identity. Genderqueer and nonbinary are often used interchangeably and are umbrella terms for individuals who express their gender in a way that's distinct from the man/woman binary that many see as "standard."

The genderqueer flag consists of purple, white and green stripes.



Genderqueer flag

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The nonbinary flag is comprised of yellow, white, purple and black stripes.



Nonbinary Pride Flag

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Genderfluid refers to people who express themselves via more than one gender. The genderfluid flag consists of pink, white, purple, black and blue stripes.



Genderfluid Flag

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Two-spirit flag

Two-Spirit is a non-binary gender identity found in many Indigenous-American cultures. The most common Two-Spirit flag is comprised of two black and white feathers crossed over from a white circle against the Pride flag.



Two-Spirit Gay Pride Flag

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Polyamory flag

Polyamory, often referred to as “ethical non-monogamy” refers to the practice of having multiple sexual or romantic partners, wherein all parties are knowledgeable of the arrangement. The original polyamory flag, created via Windows Paint in 1995 by Jim Evans, consists of blue, red and black bands with a golden “pi” symbol in the middle band.



Polyamory Pride Flag

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In 2018, over 30,000 members of the community voted on a poll hosted by the blog Polyamproud to **choose a new flag**. The winning flag features a purple-pink-blue tricolor with a chevron containing a golden heart on its side. This flag has gained popularity in the years since its unveiling. a new polyamory flag consisting of a golden heart in a white chevron along with blue, pink and purple stripes.



Polyamory Pride Flag

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Straight ally flag

Straight allies are heterosexual, cisgender, monogamous and allosexual individuals who stand by and support the queer community. The flag is comprised of a triangular strip of the Pride flag overlaid over straight flag, which is a series of alternating black and white stripes.



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