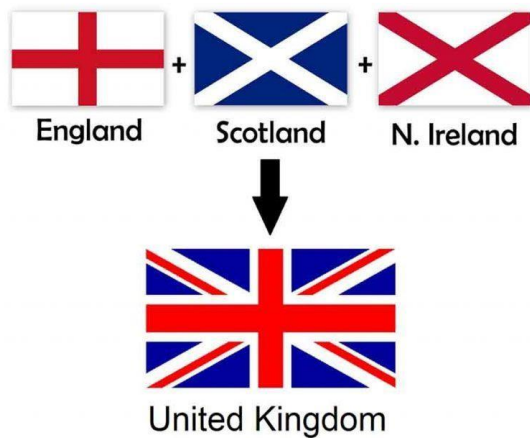


## Make a Union flag for VE Day 75

The Union flag\* is made up of *three* flags: the red cross on a white background (of England and Wales), the red cross on white (of Northern Ireland) and the white cross on a blue background (Scotland). The English flag has been placed on top of the Irish flag and both have been placed on top of the Scottish flag (the 'Saltire').



\*Sometimes wrongly called the Union Jack. A jack (short for jackstaff) is a flag flown at the bow (the front) of a ship. The ensign is flown at the stern (the rear of the ship).

**Fly your Union flag for VE Day 75! From 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May 2020, we are celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Victory in Europe (VE) Day marks the acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of their armed forces on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. This event saw celebrations across the UK.**

**What you will need:** A4 sheet of white paper, three crayons/felt tips pens/colouring pencils/paint (red, blue and white), a rod such as short dowel/long lolly stick or straw, a pencil, glue stick, sticky tape, scissors.

### Instructions:



- 1) Firstly, look carefully at the pattern of the Union flag.
- 2) Start by drawing the pattern out on the A4 sheet of white paper.
- 3) When you have done this, use the crayons or other colouring materials to colour in.
- 4) After you have coloured in, glue along the short-side on the reverse, place the rod in the centre of the glued area and curl the paper (flag) around the rod. Add sticky tape to further secure. Leave to dry.

5) Your flag is now ready to be flown! Please wave it or put it in the window over the May bank holiday weekend to celebrate and commemorate VE Day 75.

**Suggestion:** if you want to make a different flag design to celebrate and commemorate VE Day 75 then please do so. You can research VE Day online to get some ideas for your design.