

Activity - How to Make a Rosette

During our project, Glasgow Women's Library visited the school where we were running our group and showed the girls how to make these rosettes in the style of those the suffragettes used to wear. Rosettes were used to display suffragette phrases but the girls chose more recent feminist phrases and hashtags to decorate their rosettes with such as "Fight like a girl" and "This girl can".

Name: Suffragette Rosettes

Group size: Any

Time: About 30 minutes



You will need: Coloured paper or card cut into strips about an inch wide, circles of plain white or light coloured card a few inches in diameter, a stapler, double-sided tape, sellotape, ribbons, scissors, coloured pens, safety pins (Stick on gems, glitter pens, stickers etc are optional)

Activity: Choose eight strips of coloured paper or card. Take the two ends of one strip and bring them together so that it forms a loop. Do not fold the strips in half; you want the loop shape and not a folded piece of paper. Staple or stick the two ends together and attach four of these loops together in a cross shape. Use the remaining four strips to create loops in the gaps of the cross so that you have eight loops in a circle. Cut two lengths of ribbon and attach these to the centre of the rosette. Use double-sided tape to stick one circle of card in the middle of all the loops to cover where they meet and where the ribbons are attached. Take another circle of card and write a slogan or hashtag on it, or draw a logo. If you are using stickers, glitter etc you can use this now to decorate the circle. Stick this circle to the other side of the rosette to your first circle. Use sellotape to stick a safety pin onto the plain circle and you can now wear your rosette.

Notes: Glasgow Women's Library brought along a few ready made rosettes to show the girls how the finished ones would look, as it was a little difficult to imagine them when looking at a table full of strips of paper and card. The part that took the longest was definitely coming up with what to write or draw in the centre of the rosette!

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