



PROGRESS FLAG AND ITS MEANING



The Original Multi-Coloured Rainbow Flag was designed by artist Gilbert Baker in 1978 in San Francisco. Although it would have made him a lot of money, Gilbert refused to trademark his flag design, saying it was a symbol for everyone. The flag design spread around the world and became a symbol for those fighting for equal rights for the LGBT community.

WHAT DO THE COLOURS IN THE FLAG MEAN?

- Red** - Life
- Orange** - Healing
- Yellow** - Sunlight
- Green** - Nature
- Blue** - Peace/Harmony/Art
- Violet** - Spirit



In 2017, Philadelphia's Office of LGBT Affairs added black and brown stripes to the flag to recognise people of colour.

One year later, an artist called Daniel Quasar released a redesign of the flag, called the Progress Pride flag, which was widely shared on social media.

In addition to the black and brown stripes – which Quasar says also represent those living with AIDS, and those no longer living – he introduces the colours used on the Transgender Pride Flag (white, pink and blue) . "The arrow points to the right to show forward movement, while being along the left edge shows that progress still needs to be made." explained Daniel Quasar.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE FLAG?

Over the years the original rainbow flag has been redesigned, with some LGBTQ+ movements arguing it needed to better represent and reflect more communities.



In 2021, Valentino Vecchiotti of Intersex Equality Rights UK adapted the Pride Progress flag design to incorporate the intersex flag (yellow with a purple circle).



Some people within LGBTQ+ communities said that Gilbert Baker's Pride flag didn't need to be changed, arguing that it was originally designed to be representative of everyone.

But others, including Daniel Quasar, said that the Progress Pride flag wasn't intended to replace the original, and argued that it was important to represent marginalized communities.

