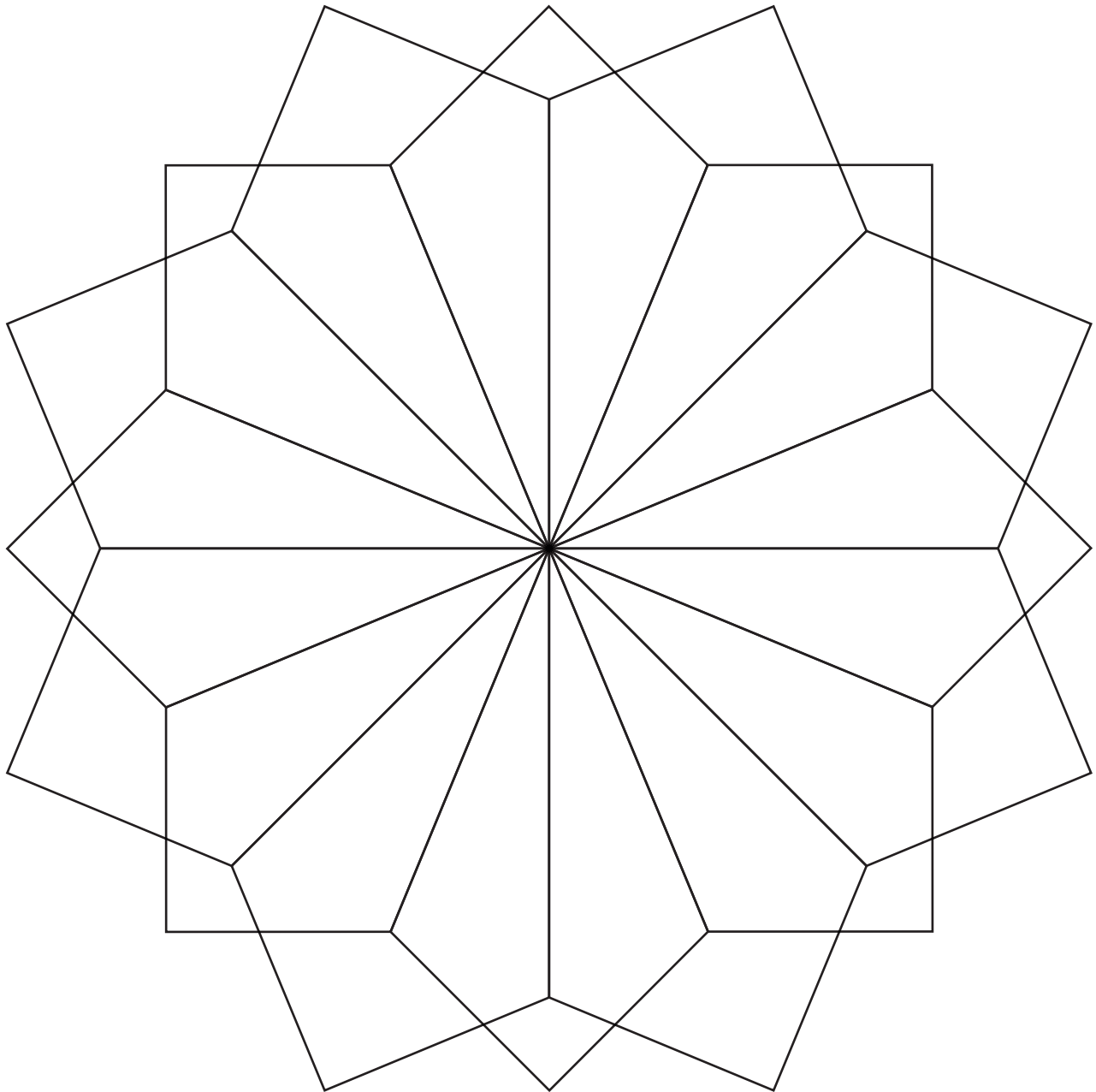
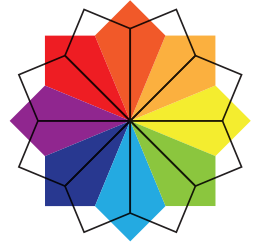


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




Helen Day Art Center is launching a public art challenge with a new symbol of gratitude, hope, and unity. Tap into your creativity and use our design as inspiration for a colorful banner, a front-yard pinwheel, or an online proclamation. Go wherever your imagination takes you to connect your own community, near and far.

**Activity:** Use this colorful symbol as an inspiration to create your own design or use the template below as a guide. Select your own materials - ideas are included on the back. Add a message of hope, courage, or gratitude to complete your work. We'd love to see & share your community creations so send an image of your piece to us at [design@helenday.com](mailto:design@helenday.com), or post on social media using [#helendaycreates](https://twitter.com/helendaycreates). Have fun!



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## Activity Ideas

-  Paint on an old bed sheet and display your banner outside or in a window
-  Try your hand at origami and research the history of origami in the process
-  Use found objects around your house or outside. You could create a mandala, color wheel or natural sculpture
-  Create a pinwheel out of painted wood and stake into your front yard
-  Use old photographs, magazines, or calendars to create a collage for each section
-  Try pieces of fabric to match by color or pattern to create parts of the whole design

## Can you find these materials at home?

Pencils	Aluminum foil
Markers	Cardboard/cereal boxes/egg cartons/toilet paper rolls
Colored pencils	
Crayons	Newspaper
Coffee/used tea bags for natural staining effect	Plastic bottles/ bottle caps
Mud	Legos
Food coloring/ watercolors	Jars/ empty containers
Straws	Fabric pieces
Q-tips	String, twine, ribbon, buttons, used thread spools
Sponges	
Popsicle sticks/paint stirring sticks	Paper tea bag tags/sleeves/ coffee filters
Tape/glue	



We encourage you to come up with your own interpretation of the design, but feel free to visit us online at [helenday.com/online](http://helenday.com/online) for examples of images or tutorials for ideas. Add your message, take a picture, and post to the world!

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## Ideas for Messages of hope

Vermont Strong  
Thank you  
We're in this together  
We got this  
Love, Community, Strength  
Community Strong  
Create, Connect, Community  
Art + Love = Hope  
We're with you  
Courage

## Recipes for DIY art supplies:

### Homemade paint:

¼ cup salt                      ½ cup water  
½ cup flour                    Food coloring

**1.** In a bowl, mix the flour and salt. **2.** Add a few drops of food coloring to the water. **3.** Pour the colored water into the flour and salt mixture. **4.** Mix well until clumps dissolve.

Tips: Store in the refrigerator. If you want to make more than one color, separate your flour/salt mixture and use several different bowls

### Air Dry Clay:

2 cups flour                      ¾ cup warm water  
¾ cup salt                        Ziplock bag  
    Mixing bowl

**1.** Mix all three ingredients in your bowl. Use your hands to knead the ingredients together. Knead until the dough forms a ball. **2.** Once you have your ball of clay, you are ready to create! To combine pieces together, use water like glue. **3.** Let your creation dry overnight to harden. **4.** Any unused clay can be stored in a bag to use at a later time.

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