



LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH PROJECT

On 7th February we will gather on Zoom for a service as part of *LGBTQ+ History Month*. Through worship led by members of Open Table, fellowship and working together on this project, we hope that Downing Place United Reformed Church and the LGBTQ+ community will be surrounding one another with prayer and encouragement.

We would like you to consider colouring the attached sheets, and/or making one of the crochet or knitting patterns you'll find in this pack. Members of the congregation will be invited to show their creations during the service on 7th February.

We have a written prayer for you to recite as you craft and colour; even though we may not be able to be together in a physical sense, we hope this may enable us to work together as one in our aim.



Whilst there are some very talented crafts people in our congregation *please* don't exclude yourself from taking part in this project if you don't feel you are one of them. We have included a colouring sheet for the young in body, and young at heart who might prefer that and if you have another craft you prefer and could make something in the same shapes & colours, go for it!

If you are unable to complete your heart, square or colouring sheet before the service please don't worry, we are gathering at the beginning of LGBTQ+ History Month and it would be lovely to know that the project continues throughout this important time.

We are hoping that the items produced will eventually be able to be used as part of the Open Table services when the pandemic allows these to resume in person rather than purely on Zoom.



It has not escaped our attention that the rainbow and the timing of this project are also linked to another significant topic that fills our newspapers and lives at the moment. During the first Covid 19 lockdown, nearly a year ago now, rainbows of hope started appearing in windows of children, and slowly people of all ages were decorating their windows with rainbow colours.

We now find ourselves in lockdown 3.0 and we all still need reminding, maybe more than ever, that hope helps us get through challenging times. This project, designed for LGBTQ+ History month, will hopefully also give us something to work on, to chat about and to fill our days with more hope as we move towards times when we will be able to meet, worship and craft together in person.

In this pack you will find:

- A prayer for LGBTQ+ History Month
- A colouring sheet
- Crochet and knitting patterns, or links to patterns for you to work from (please do feel free to use others or make something up if you would prefer).

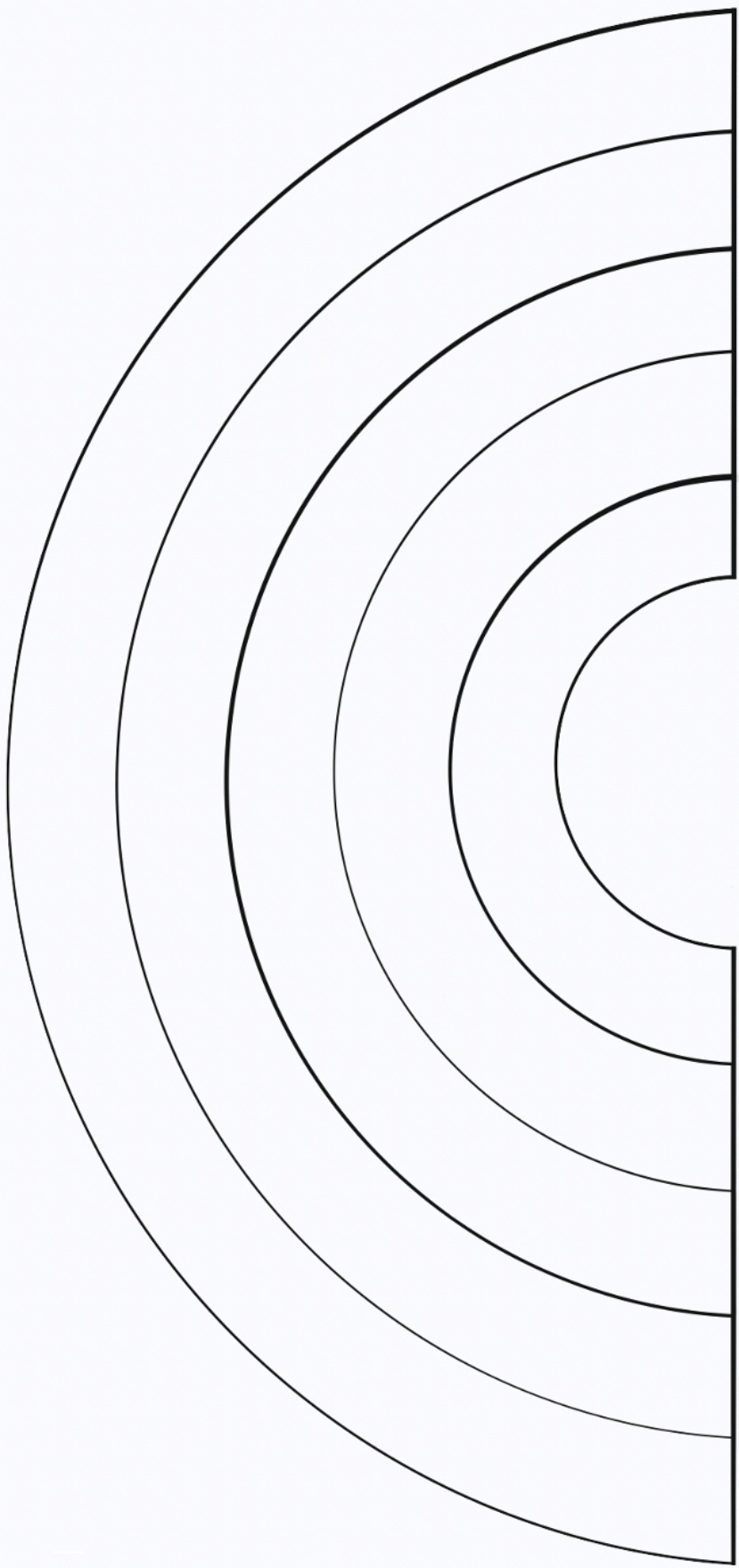
A prayer for LGBTQ+ History Month

Lord God,
guide us with your eternal love;
as we make these rainbows.

Help us to rejoice in our diversity,
and to love one another
so that we can claim our past
celebrate our present
and create our future,
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen



Jess Uden



Love is Kind

1 Corinthians 13:4



PATTERNS

Two simple and yet so effective ideas are

- a simple crochet granny square with a round in different colour or
- a knitted square with bands of rows in different rainbow colours will look beautiful.

However, if you would like to make one of the below instead or as well, please click on the weblinks.



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RAINBOW

KNITTING PATTERN BY AMANDA BERRY

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NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- A pair of 3.25mm straight knitting needles (US 3)
- A handful of toy filling or cotton wool balls
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew together

YARN

- Patons, Baby Smiles Fairytale Fab 4 ply (100% acrylic, 50g/184m)
A few grammes per colour will be plenty:

Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Indigo



TENSION

Yarn used knits as 4 ply; 28 sts x 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking/stockinette stitch using 3.25mm needles.

SIZE

One size: approximately 8cm wide x 5cm tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

k	Knit
k2tog	Decrease: knit two stitches together
RS	Right side
st(s)	Stitch(es)
WS	Wrong side

KNITTING PATTERN

(Make 1)

Cast on 61 sts in red on straight 3.25mm needles using the long tail cast on.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): Knit

Break the red yarn and join orange.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: Knit.

Break the orange yarn and join yellow.

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: Knit.

Break the yellow yarn and join green.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: [K2tog] 30 times, k1. (31 sts)

Break the green yarn and join blue.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: Knit.

Break the blue yarn and join indigo.

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: [K2tog] 15 times, k1. (16 sts)

Cast off in purl.

Fold in half and sew the red cast on edge together (the top curved edge of the rainbow) and sew the indigo cast off edge together (the bottom curved edge). Add some stuffing, squeeze into shape and sew the side edges together.



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