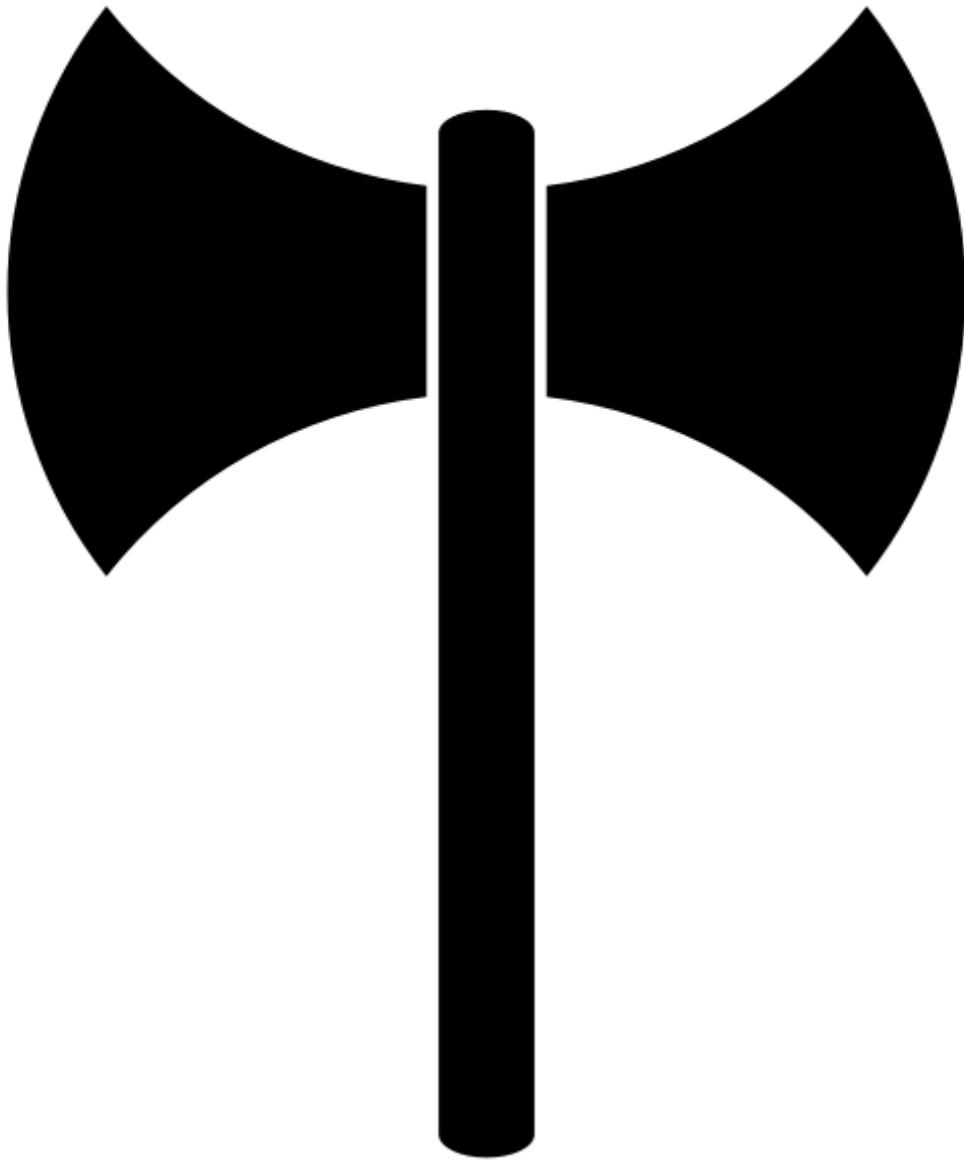


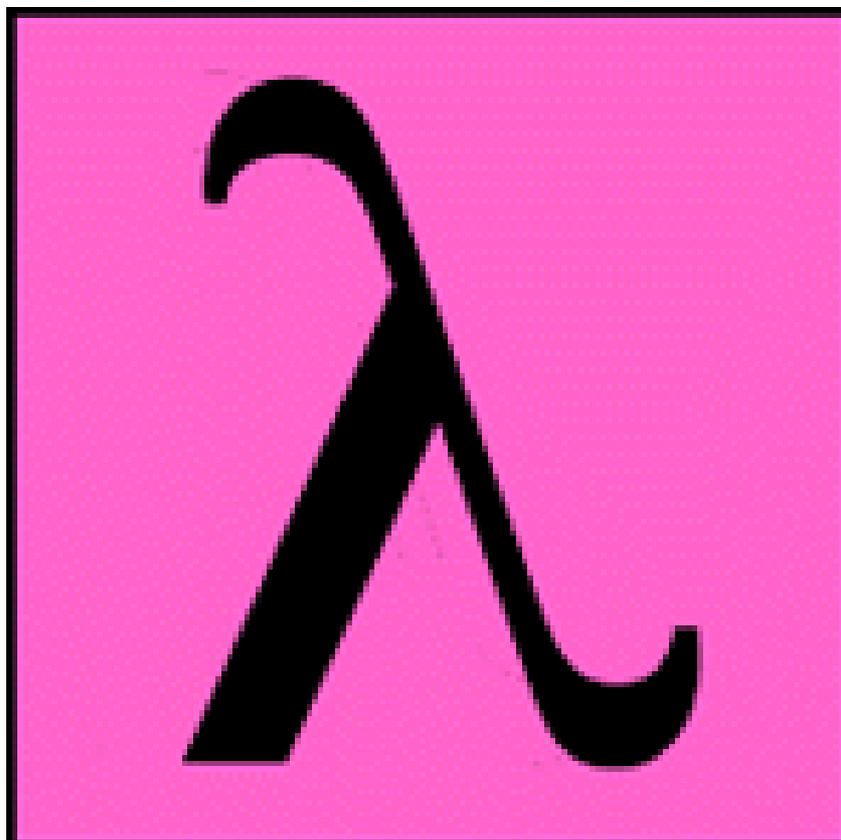
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THE LABRYS

A labrys is a double-sided axe that the Amazons were said to use as their main weapon. Lesbians have adopted the labrys as symbol of power and independence. Some lesbians wear necklaces or earrings with a labrys symbol as a way to identify themselves to other lesbians.

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THE LAMBDA

One symbol which continues to remain popular is the lower case Greek letter lambda. The symbol was originally chosen by the Gay Activists Alliance of New York in 1970. Because of its official adoption by the GAA, which sponsored public events for the gay community, the lambda soon became a quick way for the members of the gay community to identify each other. The reasoning was that the lambda would easily be mistaken for a college fraternity symbol and ignored by the majority of the population.

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THE RAINBOW FLAG

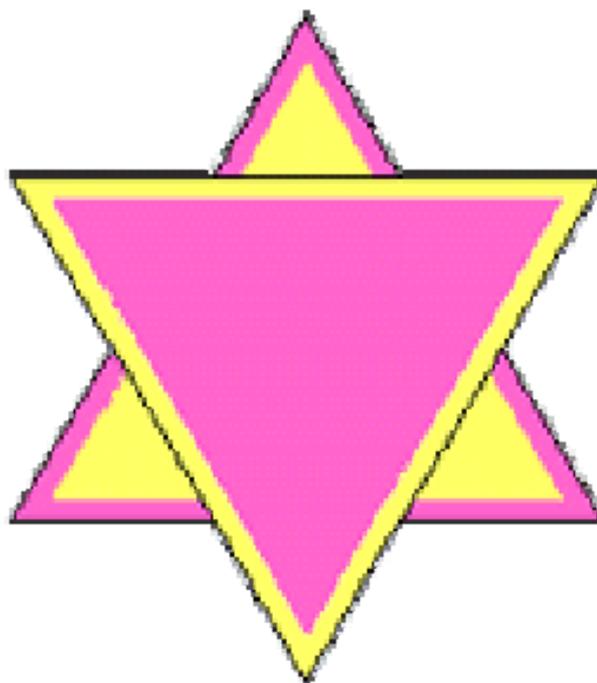
The specific association of the Rainbow Flag with the LGBT community dates from 25 June 1978 and the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade. In 1977 a leading member of the city's LGBT community, Harvey Milk, became the first openly gay elected official in the US. A friend of his, Gilbert Baker, was asked by Milk to provide a logo for the 1978 parade.

After various transformations it finally ended up as a six colour flag, where the colours each had a significance:

Red	=	life	Orange	=	healing
Yellow	=	sunlight	Green	=	nature
Blue	=	art	Violet	=	spirituality

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The pink triangle overlapping a yellow triangle was used to tag Jewish homosexual men in Nazi concentration camps.



Kennzeichen für Schutzhäftlinge in den Konz. Lagern
Form und Farbe der Kennzeichen

	Politisch	Berufs-Verbrecher	Emigrant	Bibel-forscher	homo- sexuell	Sozial
Grund-farben	Red triangle	Black triangle	Black triangle	Black triangle	Orange triangle	Black triangle
Abzeichen für Rückfällige	Red triangle with horizontal lines	Black triangle with horizontal lines	Black triangle with horizontal lines	Black triangle with horizontal lines	Orange triangle with horizontal lines	Black triangle with horizontal lines
Häftlinge der Strafkompanie	Red triangle with a black dot	Black triangle with a black dot	Black triangle with a black dot	Black triangle with a black dot	Orange triangle with a black dot	Black triangle with a black dot
Abzeichen für Juden	Red triangle with a yellow Star of David	Black triangle with a yellow Star of David	Black triangle with a yellow Star of David	Black triangle with a yellow Star of David	Orange triangle with a yellow Star of David	Black triangle with a yellow Star of David
Besondere Abzeichen	Yellow triangle with a black Star of David (Jüd. Rasse-schänder)	Yellow triangle with a black Star of David (Rasse-schänderin)	Red circle (Sticht-verdächtig)	Black rectangle with white numbers (Häftlings-Nummer)	Prüfzettel (ID card)	
	Red triangle with a white letter 'P' (Pole)	Red triangle with a white letter 'T' (Tscheche)	Red triangle (Wehrmacht-angehöriger)	Black rectangle with white numbers (Häftling-Id)		

A chart, circa 1938 - 1942, of prisoner markings used in German concentration camps. The 5th column from the left was for homosexual men.

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THE PINK & BLACK TRIANGLES

One of the oldest of these symbols is the pink triangle, which originated from the Nazi concentration camp badges that gay men were required to wear on their clothing.

Lesbians, and other women such as prostitutes, were forced to wear the black triangle.

It is estimated that as many as 220,000 gays and lesbians perished alongside the 6,000,000 Jews whom the Nazis exterminated in their death camps.

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THE INTERNATIONAL BEAR BROTHERHOOD FLAG

The International Bear Brotherhood Flag was designed in 1995 by Craig Byrnes.

Bear is an affectionate gay slang term for those in the bear communities, a subculture in the gay community and an emerging subset of LGBT communities with events, codes and culture specific identity.

Bears tend to have hairy bodies and facial hair; some are heavy-set; some project an image of working-class masculinity in their grooming and appearance. The Bear community has spread all over the world, with Bear clubs in many countries.

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The **Transgender Pride flag** was designed by Monica Helms, and was first shown at a pride parade in Phoenix, Arizona, United States in 2000.

The flag represents the transgender community and consists of five horizontal stripes, two light blue, two pink, with a white stripe in the centre. The light blue is the traditional colour for baby boys, pink is for girls, and the white in the middle is for those who are transitioning, those who feel they have a neutral gender or no gender, and those who are intersexed. The pattern is such that no matter which way you fly it, it will always be correct.



Other symbols include the butterfly and the two male and female symbols separately and then combined.



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Some symbols are formed by the combination of the standard gender symbols.



Male



Female

These are astronomical/mythological symbols. The male symbol represents Mars and the female symbol represents Venus.

When paired together, they represent gay men and lesbians.

