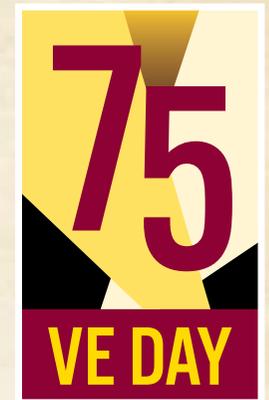




**75th**  
Anniversary  
Victory in Europe Day  
**Join us to celebrate  
VE day at home**



Toolkit

# VE Day Celebration

Friday 8 May 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (commonly known as VE Day). In May 1945 Germany surrendered to the Allies and, after six long years of fighting, the war in Europe came to an end. Millions of people up and down the country greeted the news with bunting, parades and parties, and there was singing and dancing in the streets.

This year, the Government has moved the May bank holiday to VE Day to allow the nation to remember the sacrifice so many made in the fight against fascism. We had been hoping for communities to run a whole host of activities, but given the restrictions due to COVID-19, sadly these have had to be cancelled.

However, there are still lots of ways that you can get involved and show your support to celebrate and commemorate this important anniversary while following the essential social distancing advice that ensures that everyone remains safe. Why not celebrate at home with a garden tea party and enjoy games or a sing a-long with members of your household.

We would love to see how you are celebrating! Please share your party photos with us on Facebook or Twitter [@CumbriaCC](#) using [#VEDayCumbria](#)

Don't forget to also share your second world war stories, family histories and messages of remembrance on social media using [#VEDAY75](#) to join the conversation now.



This pack will help you:

- **Get creative and make your posters, bunting and paperchains**
- **Sing along to popular 1940's songs**
- **Spruce up on your culinary skills with 1940's inspired food and drink recipes to serve on the day**
- **Get inspired by 1945 street games**
- **Wordsearch**

*We would like to thank Wiltshire Council for their assistance in compiling this pack as much of the content used was originally created by them.*



# Make your own paperchains

1. Print the supplied template for union jack paper chains. If you don't have a printer at home why not create your own pattern and share pictures with us.
2. Cut strips from the paper.
3. Make the first "link." All you need to do is tape, glue, or staple the far ends of one paper strip together into a ring. Try to match up the sides evenly. Tape and staples will make for a quick process, but glue will take much longer because it needs to dry. If you are using glue, hold the two ends of paper together until the glue dries. Make sure that the edges of the paper do not slip askew. You should not need more than one staple or one small square of tape to seal each loop. Make sure that the link is sturdy and will not fall apart.
4. Add a second link. Once you have one sturdy ring, thread another strip of paper through the center of the loop. Now, join the ends of this second strip together with tape, staples, etc. The wide, flat edges of the two links should line up, but the loops themselves should sit at a rough 90 degree angle – like a chain
5. Keep adding links. Continue in the same pattern until your chain is as long as you want it. In theory, there is no limit to the length of paper chain that you can build, as long as you have enough paper, tape, and time. If you want to hang the chain somewhere, measure the length against the space periodically to check if it's long enough yet.
6. Hang your paper chain from the walls or ceiling. If you leave the chain long, you can string it through a space to add a festive flair. Hang the chain a little bit loose, so that it dips low in the center.



## Make your own bunting

1. Print the supplied template for union jack bunting. We have two options, pre-coloured or a colour your own version. There's also a link to a special VE Day themed template or why not get creative and design your own.
2. Cut out the template.
3. Cut or punch a hole in the small markers at the base of the triangle.
4. Using string or ribbon, thread through the holes on either side.
5. Tie a small knot on either end to prevent the flags from bunching up.
6. Repeat, adding as many flags as you wish to get the desired length.
7. Hang up your bunting.



## 1945 VE Day themed colouring in

We've made some 1945 VE Day themed colouring in sheets that you can find at the back of this pack, just simply print them off and have fun colouring in!

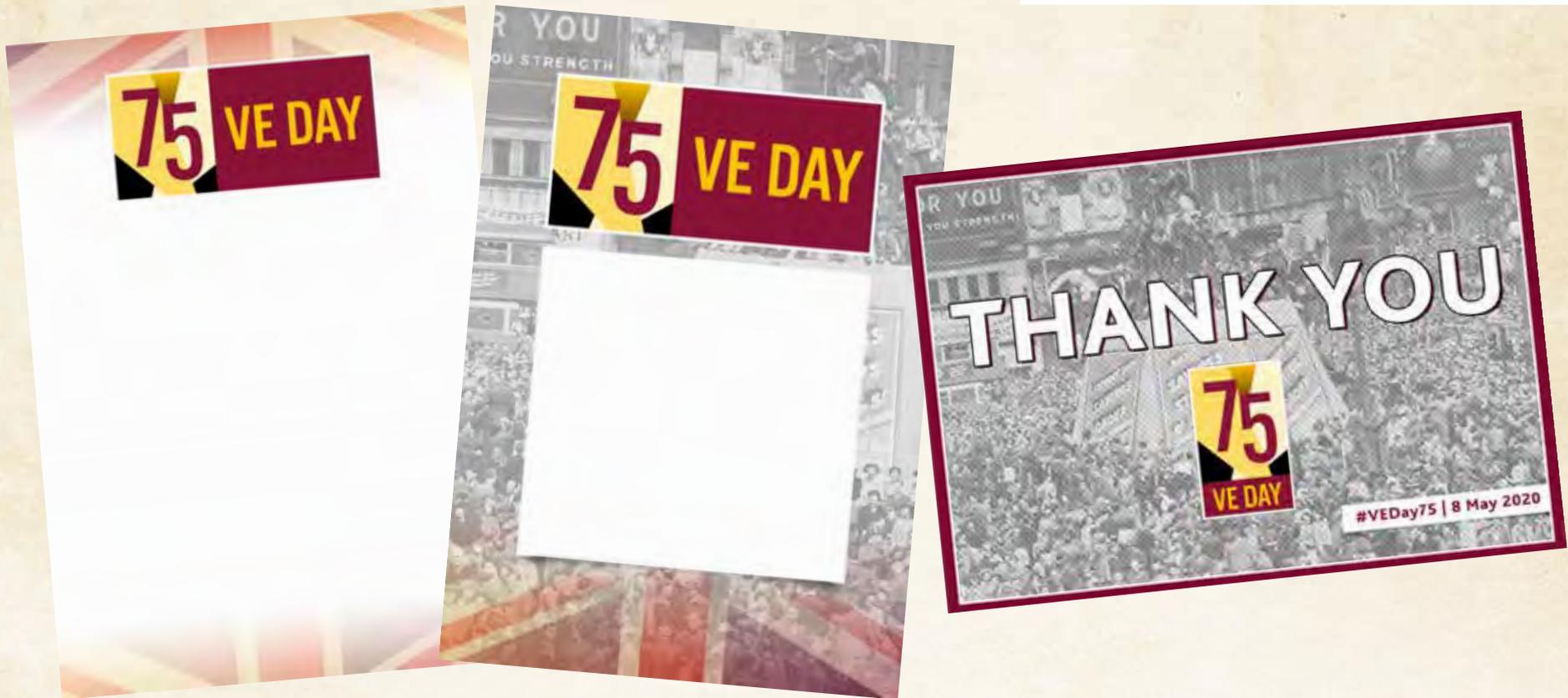




## VE Day Anniversary posters

There are various VE Day 2020 posters and templates available to download from the Central Government VE Day online toolkit at [ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit](https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit).

We have also included one at the back of this pack, just simply print



# VE Day sing-a-long

The Royal British Legion is calling for people to help commemorate the anniversary by joining in with a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's – We'll Meet Again at 9pm on VE Day. BBC One will be featuring the sing-a-long as part of their VE Day broadcast so get practicing now!

## Dame Vera Lynn – We'll Meet Again

We'll meet again  
Don't know where  
Don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again  
some sunny day

Keep smiling through  
Just like you always do  
on 'til the blue skies  
Drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say hello  
To the folks that I know  
Tell them I won't be long

They'll be happy to know  
That as you saw me go  
I was singing this song

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## Want to dance?

Why not try these swing songs?

Glenn Miller - In The Mood

Benny Goodman & His Orchestra - Sing, Sing, Sing

Cab Calloway - (Hep-Hep!) The Jumpin' Jive

Glenn Miller & His Orchestra - A String of Pearls

Louis Armstrong - Mack the Knife



# VE Day sing-a-long

## Dame Vera Lynn – White Cliffs of Dover

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see

I'll never forget the people I met  
Braving those angry skies  
I remember well as the shadows fell  
The light of hope in their eyes

And though I'm far away  
I still can hear them say  
Bombs up  
But when the dawn comes up

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see

There'll be love and laughter  
And peace ever after  
Tomorrow  
When the world is free

The shepherd will tend his sheep  
The valley will bloom again  
And Jimmy will go to sleep  
In his own little room again

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see

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The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see



## Arthur Askey/Gracie Fields – Thing-Ummy-Bob

You've heard of Florence Nightingale, Grace Darling and the rest,  
You've all seen Greta Garbo and her busom friend, Mae West,  
But there's a little lady, I want you all to meet  
She's working on munitions and she lives just down the street

She can't pretend to be, a great celebrity  
But still she's most important in her way,  
The job she has to do, may not seem like much to you  
But all the same, I'm very proud to say

She's the girl that makes the thing that drills the hole  
that holds the spring that drives the rod that turns the knob  
that works the thing-ummy-bob

She's the girl that makes the thing that holds the oil  
that oils the ring that takes the shank that moves the crank  
that works the thing-ummy-bob

It's a ticklish sort of job making a thing for a thing-ummy-bob  
Especially when you don't know what it's for  
But it's the girl that makes the thing that drills the hole  
that holds the spring that works the thing- ummy-bob that makes the engines roar

And it's the girl that makes the thing that holds the oil  
that oils the ring that works the thing-ummy-bob that's going to win the war

She's not what you would call, a heroine, at all  
I don't suppose you'll even know her name  
And though she'll never boast, of her important post  
She strikes a blow for Britain just the same

She's the girl that makes the thing that drills the hole  
that holds the spring that drives the rod that turns the knob  
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# VE Day sing-a-long

## The Andrew Sisters – Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

He was a famous trumpet man from out Chicago way  
 He had a boogie style that no one else could play  
 He was the top man at his craft  
 But then his number came up and he was gone with the draft  
 He's in the army now a-blowin' reveille  
 He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

They made him blow a bugle for his Uncle Sam  
 It really brought him down because he couldn't jam  
 The captain seemed to understand  
 Because the next day the cap' went out and drafted a band  
 And now the company jumps when he plays reveille  
 He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

A-toot a-toot a-toot-tiddeliyada-toot!  
 He blows it eight-to-the-bar in boogie rhythm  
 He can't blow a note unless the bass and guitar is playin' with 'im  
 He makes the company jump when he plays reveille  
 He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

He was our boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B  
 And when he plays boogie woogie bugle he was busy as a "bzzz" bee  
 And when he plays he makes the company jump eight-to-the-bar  
 He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

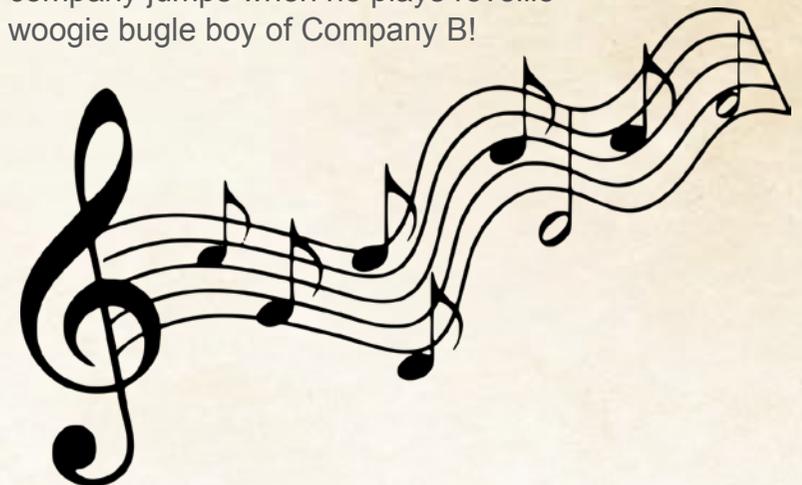


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 boy of Company B

(instrumental)

He puts the boys to sleep with boogie every night And wakes 'em up the  
 same way in the early bright They clap their hands and stamp their feet  
 Because they know how he plays when someone gives him a beat  
 He really breaks it up when he plays reveille  
 He's boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

Dat-da da-dum-da da Dat-da da-dum-da da  
 Dat-da da-dum-da da Dat-da da-dum-da da  
 Ha-ha-hand the company jumps when he plays reveille  
 He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B!



# Victoria Sponge Cake

## For the sponge

- 4 eggs
- 225g/8oz caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 225g/8oz self-raising flour
- 1 level tsp baking powder
- 225g/8oz unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing

## For the filling

- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened
- 200g/7oz icing sugar, sifted
- 2 tablespoon milk
- Jam

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4. Grease and line two 20cm/8inch sandwich tins. You could do cupcakes if you prefer and decorate with piped buttercream.
2. In a large mixing bowl, add the flour, sugar, eggs, baking powder and soft butter. Mix the ingredients together using an electric whisk until well combined.
3. Divide the mixture evenly between the prepared tins.
4. Place both tins on the middle shelf of the oven and bake for 25 minutes until golden brown and springy to touch.
5. After the sponges have cooled in the tins for five minutes, run a rounded butter knife around the edge of the tin and carefully turn the sponges out onto a cooling rack. Leave to cool.
6. While the sponges cool, make the buttercream. Using a wooden spoon, beat the butter until soft in a large bowl. Add half of the icing sugar and beat until smooth. Add the remaining icing sugar and one tablespoon of the milk and continue to beat until smooth. If the buttercream is too thick, add the remaining milk.
7. Once the sponges have cooled, assemble your Victoria sponge. Place one cake top-down on to a serving plate. Spread the jam on the sponge and pipe the buttercream on top of the jam. Place the other sponge on the top and sprinkle with extra sugar to serve.

**TIP :** Why not add an extra special red, white and blue touch by popping some food colouring into your sponge mix before baking.



## 1940's Queen Cakes

### For the cakes

- 57g/2oz butter
- 567g/20z sugar
- 85g/3oz flour
- 28g/1oz cherries
- 28g/1oz sultanas
- 1 egg
- Pinch of baking powder

### For the white icing

- 200g/7oz margarine
- 475g/17oz icing sugar
- 4 tablespoons milk
- 1 and a ½ teaspoons almond extract

## Method

1. Cream the butter and sugar.
2. Add the beaten egg and then the dry ingredients.
3. Bake in a hot oven in well greased, small fancy tins or in crinkly paper cases for 10 minutes.
4. To make the icing, combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl.
5. Beat on low speed of electric mixer until well blended and very smooth.
6. Pipe the icing onto the cooled cakes.

**TIP : Finish off by putting half a cherry on top of each cake before baking or when cold**



## Patriotic Ice Lollies

### Red

- 454g halved hulled strawberries
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 and a ½ tablespoons of lime juice

### White

- 190g cup full-fat plain yoghurt
- 4 and a ½ tablespoons heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons lime juice

### Blue

- 454g blueberries
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 and a ½ tablespoons lime juice

## Method

1. Make the Red Layer: In a blender, combine the strawberries, sugar and lime juice. Puree, scraping down sides as needed. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl, pressing on solids; discard solids. Fill the ice-pop molds 1/3 of the way (you may have some strawberry puree leftover). Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.
2. Make the White Layer: Whisk together the yoghurt, cream, sugar and lime juice in a small bowl. Remove the molds from the freezer and top with the yoghurt mixture, filling each another 1/3 of the way. Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.
3. Make the Blue Layer: In a clean blender, puree the blueberries, sugar and lime juice. Puree, scraping down sides as needed. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl, pressing on solids; discard solids. Remove molds from freezer; insert popsicle sticks through the white layer. Top with the blueberry puree (again, you may have some leftover puree), leaving ¼-inch of free space at the top of the molds. Freeze until solid, 3 hours or more (or up to 1 week). Just before serving, briefly run molds under hot water to release the pops.

# VE Day Whit Salad

## Mock potato eggs

- 225g grated carrots
- 50g grated Mature Cheddar cheese
- 450g cooked mashed potatoes (Desiree)

## Salad

- 450g cooked, diced potatoes (Charlotte or Maris Peer)
- ½ small cabbage, grated (or celeriac)
- 2-3 carrots, grated
- Baby gem lettuce leaves
- 12 small (cherry) tomatoes, halved fresh chives, snipped

## Salad dressing

- ½ teaspoon salt
- Pinch of white pepper
- 1 teacup of milk (about 120ml)
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- ½ teaspoon English mustard powder
- 1 teaspoon sugar

## Method

1. To make the potato eggs, mix the grated carrots and cheese together to form balls, like egg yolks; add a little of the mashed potato to bind them if necessary. Wrap the balls with a layer of mashed potato, and then cut in half, so they resemble hard boiled eggs.
2. Arrange the salad ingredients on a large serving platter - lettuce first and then the carrots, cabbage (or celeriac), diced potatoes with snipped chives; arrange the tomatoes and mock egg halves around the outside of the salad.
3. Make the dressing by whisking all the ingredients together and drizzle over the salad.
4. NB: Any root vegetables can be used in place of the cabbage and carrots, and salad cream can be used too. When watercress is in season, decorate the salad with watercress.



## Old-fashioned Lemonade

- 338g sugar
- 1 pint fresh lemon juice (about 10 lemons), plus 2 lemons, sliced
- Berries and fresh mint sprigs, for serving

### Method

1. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 and a 1/2 cups water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until the sugar dissolves, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and cool completely.
2. In a large pitcher, combine lemon juice, 1 and a 1/2 cups sugar syrup, and 4 cups cold water (add remaining sugar syrup to adjust sweetness, if desired).
3. Refrigerate until chilled.

**TIP :** Freeze some blueberries, chopped strawberries or raspberries in water or other beverage choice to make some tasty ice cubes to add to your drink



## Frozen Lemonade

- 120ml freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 113g sugar
- 1 pint water
- 1360g vanilla ice cream sliced lemons, for garnish

### Method

1. Mix lemon juice and sugar together in a pitcher until the sugar is fully dissolved.
2. Add water to dilute and chill.
3. Into a blender, add lemonade and ice cream.
4. Blend until smooth and divide among 3-4 glasses.
5. Garnish with slices of lemon and serve.



# 1945 inspired street games

Here are some street games that children would have played back in 1945! These are ones that can be easily put together with materials you have at home and allow you to keep social distancing measures in place so that you keep safe whilst having fun with members of your household.

## Hopscotch

This is a classic children's game still popular in school playgrounds, using chalk, a rock and a driveway or path. The game's name expresses its object: to hop over the "scotch," a line, or scratch, drawn on the ground.

### You will need:

- Driveway, patio or any hard surface to draw the game board
- Chalk
- Small stones or rocks to use as markers – make sure everyone has their own marker

### To play

1. Draw a hopscotch design on the ground. Chalk is the best medium and make sure each square is large enough to fit one foot.
2. Each person chooses a marker. When it is your turn throw your flat stone or similar object (small beanbag, shell, button, plastic toy) to land on square one. It has to go in the lines and if you miss you lose a turn.
3. Hop on one foot in each of the squares in order, skipping over the one you have your marker on. If two squares are next to each other, use both feet to hop on them at the same time with the left foot landing in the left square, and the right foot landing in the right square.
4. When you get to the last number, turn around (remaining on one foot) and hop your way back in reverse order. While you're on the square right before the one with your marker lean down and pick it up. Then, skip over that square and finish up.
5. It is the next person's turn with their marker. If you completed the course with your marker on square one (and without losing your turn), then throw your marker onto square two on your next turn. Your goal is to complete the course with the marker on each square. The first person to do this wins the game.

### Variations

Make some squares special by giving special directions for that square. Such as when in that square you have to hop three times or spin around or you could do/say something that is specifically VE Day related.



# Make your own skittles game

Now popularised by modern 'bowling', skittles originally consisted of wooden balls being thrown to knock down as many skittles as possible and it remains a popular game to this day in communities across Wiltshire and beyond. This version of the game is simple and if you don't have a set to hand you can make skittles out of household objects. You could use rolled-up socks as the ball, and empty bottles or toilet roll tubes as the skittles – remember to recycle them afterwards! If you're feeling really in the VE Day mood, you can even paint your homemade skittles red, white and blue!

## You will need:

- Nine skittles – you can use items you find around your home, such as empty cans, bottles or cups
- One ball for each player – these can be tennis balls, cricket balls or maybe even an orange or rolled up sock (anything that rolls!)

## To play

1. Pick a flat piece of lawn or driveway as your playing area and set the nine skittles up in a diamond formation. When throwing, stand around five metres away from the skittles.
2. Players take it in turn to throw three times each at the skittles. If all are knocked over by the first or second ball they are all set up again and the player gets an extra go. This can be repeated three times maximum. Therefore a player's maximum possible score is 27.
3. The winner is the player with the highest score after an agreed number of rounds. Make sure you wash your hands regularly if you're sharing the ball you throw with other members of your household or try to have one ball per player. It is also a good idea to nominate one person to be in charge of picking up the skittles each time they are knocked down.

## Tip

If you want to make it a little more challenging, you can weigh your skittles down with some pebbles or water – just make sure it's a sealed container... or you might get wet!





# Wordsearch

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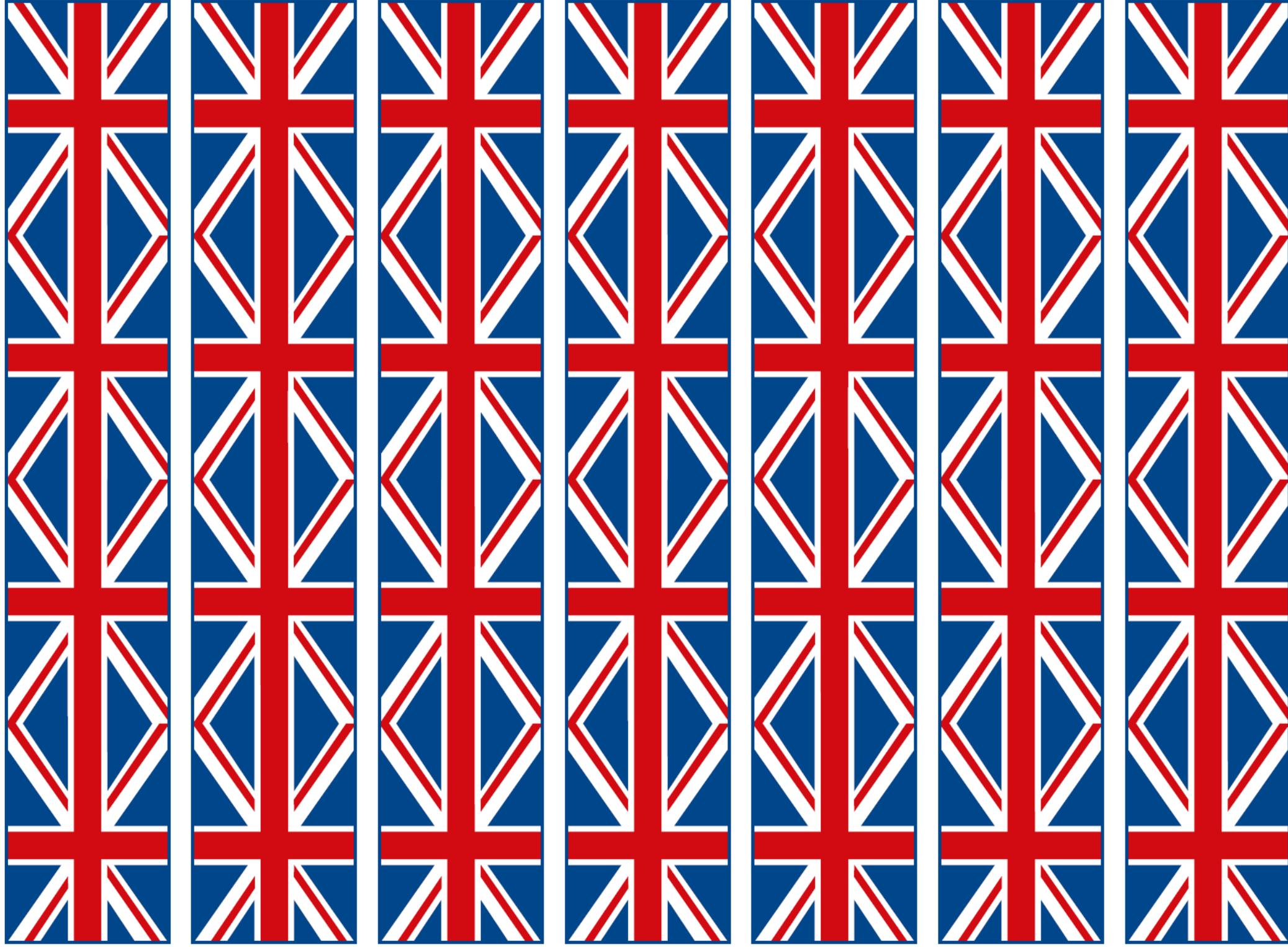
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Paperchain Template

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