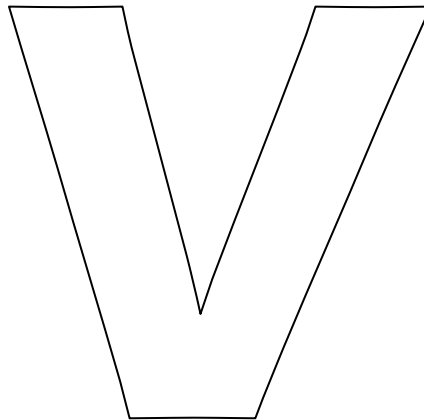# Create Your Own Victory Pin

"V" for victory was one of the most patriotic symbols of World War II. The idea was started by a Belgian who escaped to England when German troops occupied his homeland in 1940. In a radio broadcast from London, this refugee urged people of all oppressed nations to undermine the morale of the Axis powers by waving two fingers in a "V" shape and to write the "V" wherever they could to show their defiance of Hitler's Nazi Germany. The Belgian refugee ended each broadcast with the Morse Code V: dot, dot, dot, dash.

Soon the "V" sign was visible all over America as well as Europe. It showed up on baby carriages, diapers, advertisements, and banners – even Walt Disney designed "V" emblems using Donald Duck & Mickey Mouse. Dress pins were another way for people to display the "V" for victory symbol. Some pins were simple in nature, and more elaborate pins were adored with pearls, rhinestones, and diamonds. The one thing the majority of Victory pins had in common was most contained a "V" shape.

Included below are some instructions for you to create your very own Victory Pin. Be Creative! To decorate, use markers, ribbons, feathers, sequins, glitter, and anything else you can imagine. Before you know it, you will have your own Victory Pin just like the ones from World War II.

 Instructions:
1. Trace the "V" shape onto a piece of poster board or thin cardboard then cut it out.
2. Decorate the "V" however you like, with markers, ribbons, feathers, glitter, etc.
3. If glue or paint were used, wait for the "V" to dry before continuing.
4. Attach a pin back to the "V".
5. Wear!