

Create Your Own Double V Pin



“ . . . This is not a campaign waged by colored citizens alone; it is a campaign waged by all citizens, regardless of color.

Every thoughtful American realizes that the independence of this nation depends upon victory for our armies against the forces of totalitarianism abroad on a dozen fronts.

It is widely understood that at home democracy may perish unless every one of us is unusually vigilant.

If we are to have no democracy at home, it does not make a great deal of difference what happens abroad.

Victory for democracy abroad means beating the armies of Hitler, Mussolini, and The Mikado.

Victory for democracy at home means beating disfranchisement, racial pollution laws, residential segregation, economic discrimination based on color, Jim-Crowism, social and educational inequalities, and all efforts to curtail or abolish the safeguards of the Bill of Rights.

A Double V pin indicates allegiance to these high ideals for which great men have fought and died through the centuries that we might have a measure of freedom today.”

-Pittsburgh Courier, March 28, 1942

Included below are some instructions for you to create your very own Double V 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 Double V Pin just like the ones from World War II.

Instructions:

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

