

# Suffrage Sash

## What is suffrage?

Suffrage is the right to vote, or the act of exercising the right to vote. You can celebrate women's suffrage and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution by making a suffrage sash just like those worn by suffragists in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## How do I make a suffrage sash?

### Supplies:

- sheets of white paper cut into long strips you can tape together
- tape or stapler
- scissors
- crayons, markers, or ribbon

### Directions:

1. Ask an adult to help you measure the length of your sash so it fits you just right!
2. Write "Votes for Women" or your own slogan on the sash. Ask an adult if you need help.
3. Use markers or ribbon to add purple and yellow to your sash around the slogan.

## What do the colors stand for?

20th-century suffragists used three colors:

- **purple** for courage,
- **white** for purity of purpose,
- and **gold/yellow** for enlightenment.



Section of Working Women's Picket – Feb. 17 [18], 1917. Records of the National Women's Party.



Illinois State University, National Women's Party sash and ribbon, 1916-1919.

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