

DO-IT-YOURSELF SUFFRAGE MARCH

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment

One way women fought for the right to vote was to take part in suffrage rallies and marches. Carrying signs and wearing sashes and buttons, they gathered in local towns like Evanston, and big cities like Chicago and Washington, DC, to demonstrate support for voting rights for women.

When: Any time between August 18-26, 2020. The 19th Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920 and officially added to the constitution on August 26, 1920.

What: Go on a walk, hike or bike ride and wear or carry something (see ideas below) that proclaims how you feel about the 100th anniversary of women voting in the United States. You can use the Evanston Women's History map (copies available for free at the Frances Willard House Museum front door) to explore women's stories while you march. Be sure to follow social distancing recommendations and wear your mask if needed.

How far: Go 1.9 miles or some other combination of 19 in honor of the 19th amendment.

Share: Post a picture on Facebook and share with the Evanston Women's History Project.

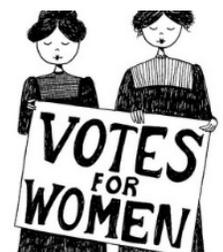
MAKE YOUR OWN SUFFRAGE SIGN, SASH, OR BUTTON

Where to get ideas for your own sign, sash, or button

- <https://www.si.edu/spotlight/votes-for-women> – click on any photo on this Smithsonian Institution website to learn more about women's suffrage.
- <http://womansuffragememorabilia.com/> - this site displays many examples of suffrage buttons as well as ribbons, postcards, and other memorabilia.
- Use your imagination! Keep in mind that purple, gold, and white were the colors of the women's suffrage movement. The sunflower was also a symbol of the cause. More [here](#).

How to make a sign

- Use poster board or cut out the side of a box—or just use a piece of paper.
- Write a message on your sign using markers or crayons or paint. You can draw pictures on it too, or cut out a picture in a magazine and paste it on.
- You can also design your sign on a computer and then print it out.
- Attach your sign to a stick for carrying it up high, if you want to.



How to make a ribbon or sash

- Use a wide ribbon or a strip of light-colored fabric. Write a slogan on it.
- Cut a paper grocery bag into wide strips and tape or staple them together. Make it the length you want, and then write your slogan.

How to make a button

- Cut a circle out of cardboard or card stock. Tracing a jar lid is a good way to draw a circle. Or, your button can be rectangular.
- Write a slogan on it. You can draw a sunflower or some other picture too.
- Tape a safety pin on the back. Or, just tape the button to your shirt.
- You can also punch a hole at the top and wear your button on a string as a pendant instead.

For more on the importance of Evanston women to the suffrage movement visit evanstonwomen.org.