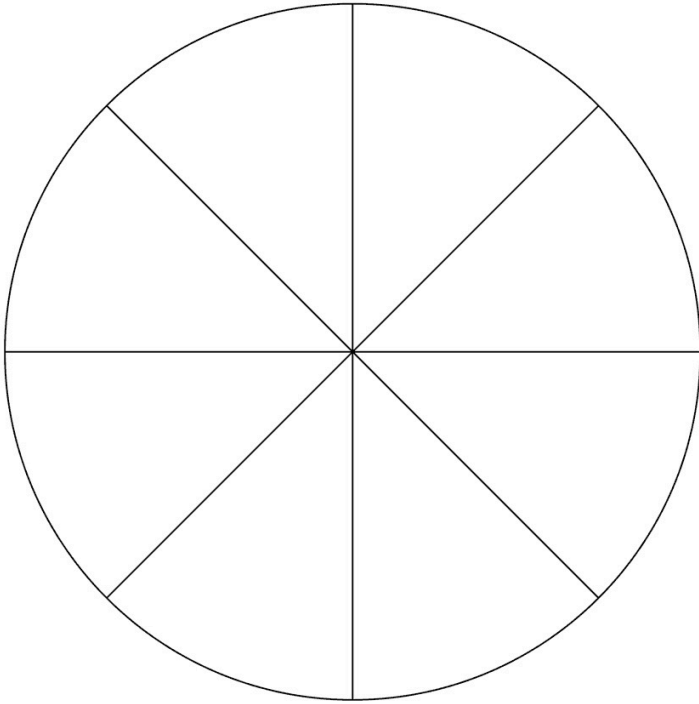


Signbrella Planning Worksheet



YOUR GOAL is to communicate your idea clearly so others understand your position, so ask yourself:
What is my idea? What is my message?
What do I want to say & how am I going to say it?

Planning your layout:

Using the space below, write 8 of your top ideas.
Double-check that the words are spelled correctly.

Using the circle template above, plan where you will place your text. When using longer words such as 'constitution' or 'immigration' consider extending into 2 sections. Placement: count the number of letters of the word and find the middle> if you have an odd # of letters, it will be a letter > even #, it will be the space betw 2 letters. On your umbrella, start in the middle of the section and work outwards.

A SIGNBRELLA is a reimagining of an umbrella into a versatile protest tool. Your signbrella not only provides respite from the sun and shelter from the rain, it can also broadcast a powerful message with big, bold text. When you're done, it collapses, allowing you to travel incognito, which is especially helpful when using public transportation.

Materials:

Any size, solid color umbrella (avoid clear vinyl umbrellas)

- #4, #6, #8 flat and/or round artists' brushes
- house paint (various colors, interior or exterior)
Most hardware stores sell sample jars for around \$5
- Container for water/washing out brushes
- Papertowels and damp sponge
- Scraps of cardboard
- Folding chair
- Binder clips
- Blowdryer (optional)
- Ball bungee (optional)

Suggestions/considerations:

Practice lettering on cardboard before painting umbrella, this will give you a sense of how wide a line each paintbrush delivers & some semblance of confidence.

Use a binder clip to secure the tie wrap so it doesn't drag itself through wet paint and smear it

Place the umbrella over a folding chair; weave handle through the negative space, use a ball bungee to secure in place (optional) for hands-free application of paint.

Hold cardboard underneath the canopy when painting.

COLOR: Use the color of your umbrella to inform the color choices for your text. Your goal is to have high contrast for good visibility, such as red and white on black or navy umbrella. Keep color choices to a minimum

TEXT: UPPER CASE or lower case? Your choice. What's more important is to consider how much space you have and how to fit all the letters. It might mean making your letters TALL AND NARROW to fit in a small space, or maybe, if your wording is petite, you can **create bold text**. Adjust paintbrush size accordingly; * practice on board

Corrections: Use a damp sponge to erase mistakes (keep sponge handy & act quickly, you can remove most paint)