



Flag Facts & Fancies

Old Glory, New Material

(NAPSA)—If you want to show your American spirit, you're not alone. For many, patriotism has reached a new high in America and displaying an American flag has become a way to demonstrate solidarity in the face of adversity.

Today, Old Glory is displayed in more places and made of more materials than ever before. The stars and stripes are woven into clothing and linens, painted on buildings and shown in store windows. American flag lapel pins are not uncommon and some people wave the flag from their car antennas.

Many have also found giving an American flag to be a way to show support—for the country and its many fallen heroes. For example, a Corian fabricator called Evans & Paul in College Point, New York has produced and presented over 200 flags to New York City emergency departments that lost members responding to the September 11 attacks.

The effort began after Evans & Paul sent a flag made of Corian to DuPont, the producer of Corian, in response to the DuPont \$5 million donation for immediate September 11 relief efforts, as well as the education of orphaned children of emergency responders. The positive reaction to the flag (which still hangs in the DuPont Delaware headquarters) convinced Evans & Paul to make more for New York City emergency personnel. The recipients have welcomed the gesture.

"It's nice to know that people appreciate us and what we're doing," says Firefighter Scott R. Holowach of the donated flags.



Mike Taglienti, Jeff Evans and Tim Traynor collaborate to produce U.S. flags of Corian. Evans and Taglienti's company donates the labor and Traynor's donates the material.

"The flag will be part of a display at the front end of the firehouse, along with the posters, plaques and other items we've gotten."

At their finished size of about 30-by-18-inches, the flags are a relatively small example of Evans & Paul's workmanship. The business has used Corian in such large-scale New York City projects as bathroom vanities and partitions for the Schubert Theater, Rockefeller Center, Liberty Science Center and other buildings.

Corian is an acrylic-based solid surface material that's easy to maintain and resists damage. The material's versatility and design flexibility let Evans & Paul create the vivid colors of the flag.

"The red is the key," notes Tim Traynor of material distributor Dolan & Traynor. "Only Corian comes in a solid red. This is a material that is only limited by your imagination."

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