

## UNITED KINGDOM \ GREAT BRITAIN

### UNION JACK

Cross of St George = White & Red = + = England (white)

Cross of St Andrew = White and Blue = X = Scotland (blue)

Cross of St Patrick = Red = X = Ireland (red) Wales = Red & White



## WALES

Baner Cymru or Y Ddraig Goch, meaning 'the red dragon of Cadwallader'

Dragon from Celtic Mythology/Welsh Folklore is named Dewi (Welsh for David) after the patron saint of Wales. Western dragons can fly. Eastern dragons are snake-like.



## NEW ZEALAND

Union Jack – Part of Commonwealth  
Southern Cross in Southern Hemisphere =  
North Star in Northern Hemisphere -  
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## AUSTRALIA

Union Jack – Part of Commonwealth  
Federation/Commonwealth Star  
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## CANADA

"Maple Leaf" = cultural heritage & natural resources

red = hope and prosperity

white = peace and neutrality



#### IRELAND

Bratach na hÉireann in Irish also Irish tricolour (trídathach na hÉireann)

Green = Catholics

Orange = Protestant

White = Hope for Religious Peace

Opposite of Ivory Coast flag design.



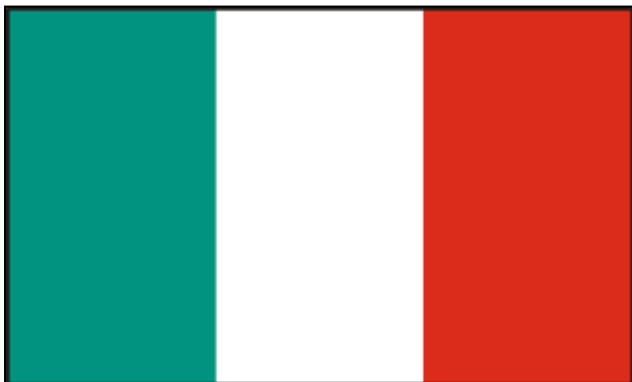
#### COTE D'IVOIRE (Ivory Coast)

"Unity, discipline, labour" - modeled after the French Tricolore

orange = savanna grasslands & national growth

green = coastal forests & hope for the future

white = country's rivers & peace, purity and unity



#### ITALY

il Tricolore

Green = hope, white = faith and red = charity.

Pizza/italian restaurants



#### FRANCE

Tricolore

Democracy = three elements of the revolutionary motto, blue = freedom, white = equality, red = brotherhood

Traditionally white = the king, red and blue = colours of Paris.



#### PORTUGAL

Bandeira das Quinas (Flag of the Five Escutcheons) or Bandeira Verde-Rubra (Green-Red Flag)

Coat of arms represents Moorish kingdoms defeated and castles retaken by King Alfonso I

Red = blood of people

Green = hope for future



#### SPAIN

1<sup>st</sup> European country to use red & yellow – probably so warships could be identified in battle  
According to legend = tradition of bullfighting  
red = blood spilled by the bulls (hardiness, strength and bravery)  
yellow = the sand in the arena (generosity)



#### GREECE

I Galanólefki "blue and white" or the Kyanólefki "sky blue and white" (  
Nine equal alternating horizontal blue and white stripes representing seawater and white wave crests.  
White cross = Greek Orthodox religion of Greece.



#### SWITZERLAND

Swiss cross has equilateral arms  
Swiss Vatican & Nepal not rectangles  
Traditionally stands for freedom, honour and fidelity  
modern association with neutrality, democracy, peace and refuge - Inverted colours = Red Cross Organization



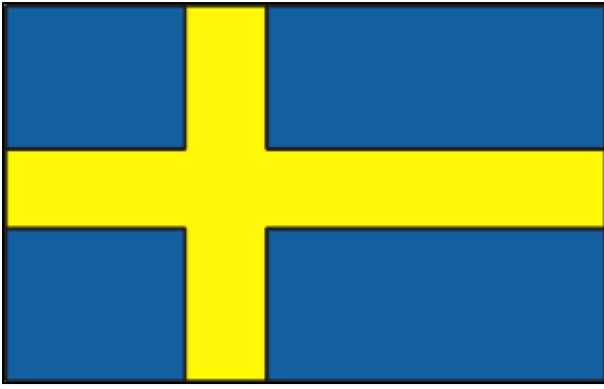
#### DENMARK

Dannebrog (cloth of the Danes)  
oldest flag in use since 1219  
Nordic Cross/Scandinavian Cross = Christianity  
Flag design shows shared history.  
white = peace and honesty



#### NORWAY

Nordic Cross/Scandinavian Cross = Christianity  
Flag design shows shared history & expresses their love for peace and amicable relations with each other  
white and red = union with Denmark  
blue = union with Sweden



SWEDEN

Nordic Cross/Scandinavian Cross = Christianity  
Flag design shows shared history.

blue = justice, loyalty, truth, vigilance and perseverance  
yellow or gold = generosity



FINLAND

siniristilippu "Blue Cross Flag"

Nordic Cross/Scandinavian Cross = Christianity  
Flag design shows shared history.

blue = blue skies, thousands of lakes  
white = winter snow



ICELAND

Nordic Cross/Scandinavian Cross = Christianity  
Flag design shows shared history.

Earth, Fire & Ice = 3 elements  
blue = mountains of the island  
red = fire produced volcanoes  
white = ice and snow that covers Iceland



JAMAICA

"The sun shineth, the land is green and the people are strong and creative"

Black = strength and creativity of people; Gold = natural beauty sunlight and wealth; Green = hope and agriculture



PARAGUAY

"REPÚBLICA DEL PARAGUAY"

Only 2-sided national flag - front = coat of arms, reverse = seal of national treasury

Oregon state flag also 2-sided



#### ARGENTINA

Manuel Belgrano (leader of the Argentinian revolution against Spain)

blue sky parting reveals white clouds = Liberation

Star of May = May demonstrations

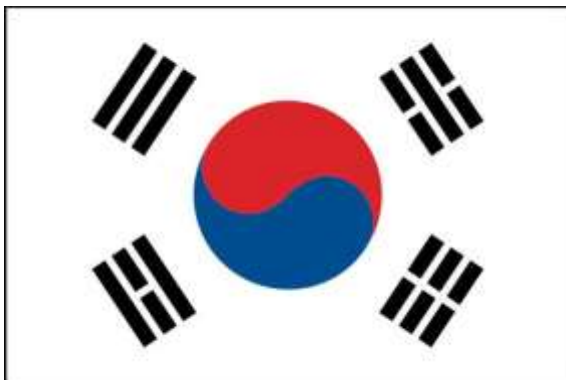


#### BRAZIL

Verde e amarela ("The Green and Yellow") or

Auriverde ("The Gold-Green")

Green = lush fields and forests, yellow = gold, celestial orb features southern cross, translation = order and progress



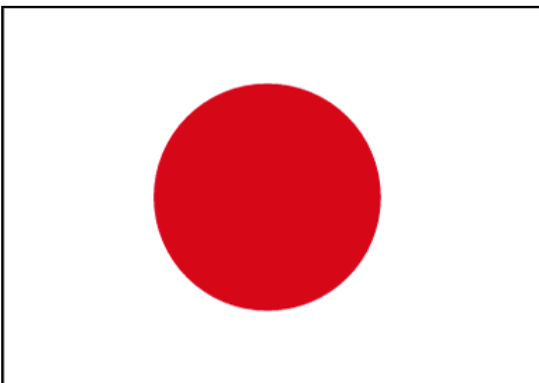
#### SOUTH KOREA

Taegukgi =, unification, creation, light and eternity

white rectangular background = peace & purity,

a red (positive cosmic forces) and blue (opposing negative cosmic forces) Taegeuk in center = balance in the universe,

and four black trigrams one toward each corner = movement and harmony



#### JAPAN

Nisshōki or Hinomaru "circle of the sun"

Red = Life Disk = The Sun "Land Of The Rising Sun"

Rays = WWII / Naval Ensign



#### PANAMA

blue star = conservative party, purity and honesty

red star = liberal party, authority and law

white = peace



#### CUBA

Red triangle sides = revolutionary ideals = freedom, brotherhood, equality  
Star = solidarity and independence  
White = patriotism of struggle against Spain  
Blue = regions of the country  
Puerto Rico flag = red stripes, blue triangle - similarity of intentions = joining USA - star



#### TAIWAN

"blue sky, white sun, wholly red earth"  
Red = china, white = equality and democracy, blue = liberty and nationalism. red, white, and blue = three core principles of the country  
sun = twelve rays = twelve months



#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stars & Stripes or Star-Spangled Banner  
50 Stars = 50 States  
Red = hardiness and valour, white = purity and innocence, and blue = vigilance, perseverance and justice.  
13 Stripes = Founder Colonies  
Red, White & Blue = Democracy



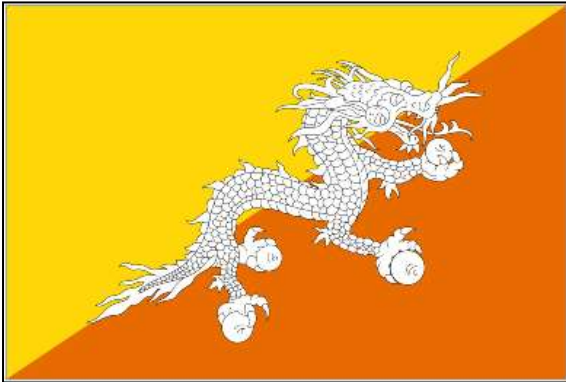
#### NEPAL

Double pennon - only non-quadrilateral flag  
blue = peace, red = rhododendron = official flower crimson red  
crescent moon = royal house, sun = Rana family



#### CHINA

Wu Xing Hang Qi (Five-Star-Flag)  
Red = communist revolution, also the traditional colour of the people  
five stars in relation = unity of Chinese people under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (large gold star = communism & four smaller stars = social classes Chinese people (the workers, the peasants, the urban bourgeoisie, the national bourgeoisie)  
five stars represent ethnic groups: Han Chinese, Zhuangs, Hui Chinese, Manchus and Uyghurs



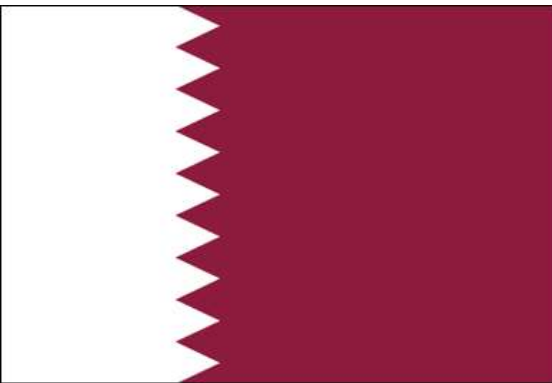
#### BHUTAN

Eastern dragons are snake-like. Western dragons can fly.  
Thunder Dragon, from mythology = Druk Yul, holding mythical jewel Norbu  
Yellow = civil traditions, white = purity and loyalty, orange = Buddhist spiritualism



#### ISRAEL

Hebrew: Degel Yisra'el; Arabic: Alam Isra'īl  
White & Blue = Colours Of Talmud (Holy Book) Prayer Shawl  
Star Of David = Ancient Religious Symbol Unique To Judaism



#### QATAR

Al Adaam "unity & dignity of Qatari"  
White = peace & belonging  
maroon = history & loyalty



#### TURKEY

Ay Yıldız "moon star" - national anthem refers to Alsancak (red banner)  
Symbol of Ottoman Empire before Islamic – according to legend the reflection of the moon and star appeared in the pools of blood during the battle of Kosovo in 1448 when the Ottomans defeated the Christian forces.



#### TURKMENISTAN

crescent moon = Islam, five stars = five provinces of the country,  
red stripe containing five carpet designs = five original tribes



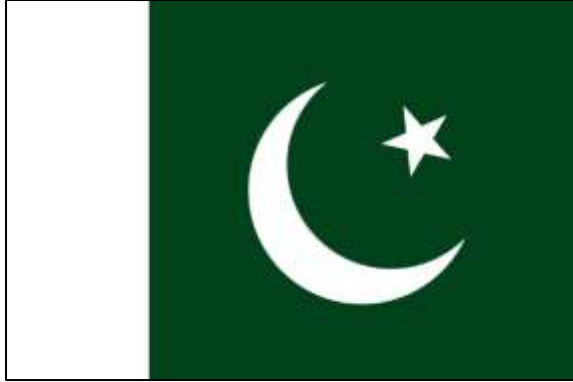
#### ALGERIA

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green = Islam dominant religion

red = blood shed to attain freedom from France

white = peace after independence



#### PAKISTAN

Parçam-e Sitārah o-Hilāl (Flag of the Crescent and Star)

white stripe = minority non-Muslim

crescent and star = traditional symbols of the Islamic religion

star = light and knowledge, crescent moon = progress



#### LYBIA

1977 old flag = green field = Gaddafi's promise of green revolution

Since 2011 brought back pre-1969 flag after liberation

red = Fezzan region

black = Cyrenaica region

green = Tripolitania region

crescent = Islam



#### IRAQ

Since 2008

Stars removed from takbīr (Allahu akbar, "God is [the] greatest") in green Kufic script

red = willingness to shed blood, green = Islam, black = battles, white = purity of deeds



#### SAUDI ARABIA

green field = favourite colour of the Prophet Muhammad most associated with Islam

Shahada or Muslim creed "There is no god but God;

Muhammad is the Messenger of God" written in Thuluth script

in white above a horizontal sword





#### IRAN

green = Islam; white = peace, red = courage.

symbol = five principles of Islam

Takbir written in white Kufic script repeated 11 times each



#### INDIA

Tiraṅgā = Tricolour

Saffron = courage and sacrifice

White = represents peace, unity and truth

Green stands for faith and fertility

Blue = sky and water

Ashok Chakra = Wheel of Law has 24 spokes and it stands for progress



#### SOMALIA

Calanka Soomaaliyaa

field = United Nations blue

five-pointed white = "Star of Unity" = Somali Race

Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya former British and Italian colonies.



#### MOROCCO

red = hardiness, bravery, strength and valour,

green = love, joy, wisdom, peace and hope; also the colour of Islam

pentagram = Seal of Solomon, also five pillars of Islam



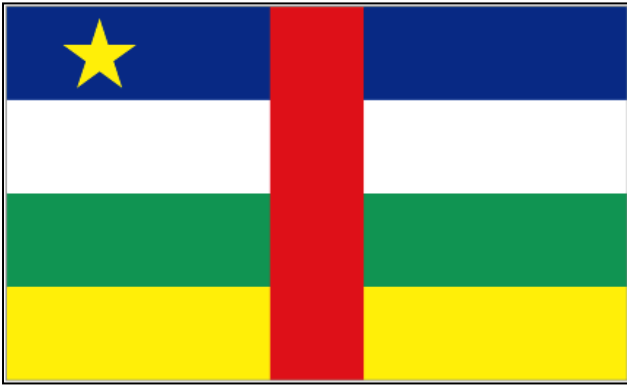
#### GHANA

red = blood spilled during struggle for independence from Great Britain,

gold = mineral wealth

green = forests and natural wealth

black star is the symbol of African emancipation



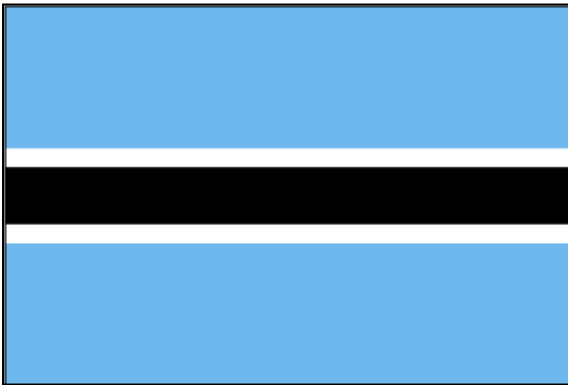
#### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

yellow star = independence = bright future.  
red stripe = the blood of humanity = respect between Europeans and Africans  
red, white and blue from the French Tricolore  
red, yellow and green = the Pan-African colours  
Zimbabwe Seychelles Comoros Namibia use five colours in their flag



#### ANGOLA

"Freedom or Death" = red & black  
golden star, part of a cog wheel and machete symbol = inspired by the hammer and sickle of USSR = industry and agriculture



#### BOTSWANA

Blue = Water  
Black & White Stripes = People Living in Harmony



#### SWAZILAND

red = past battles, blue = peace and stability, yellow = eSwatini resources  
Nguni shield covering two spears and a staff decorated with feather tassels = protection from enemies



#### LESOTHO

"peace and stability"  
traditional hat (mokorotlo) = Basotho cultural heritage  
blue = rain & clear skies  
white = peace  
green = prosperity & fertile land



#### KENYA

black = people

red = blood

green = natural wealth

white = peace.

Traditional Masai shield and spears = the defending freedom



#### MOZAMBIQUE

Green = fertile land

white = peace

black = African continent

yellow = mineral resources

red = struggle for independence

yellow five-pointed star = Mozambican nation worldwide

book = importance of education

AK-47 assault rifle, and bayonet = defense and vigilance

hoe = country's agriculture



#### ZIMBABWE

Central African Republic Seychelles Comoros Namibia use five colours in their flag

bird = National Emblem of Zimbabwe

white triangle = peace & "way forward".

red star = Zimbabwean nation worldwide

yellow = mineral wealth

red = fight for independence

black = people



#### UGANDA

black = people

red = brotherhood

yellow = the sun

gray-crowned crane = national symbol



#### NAMIBIA

Zimbabwe Seychelles Comoros Central African Republic use five colours in their flag

Represents struggle for national unity

White = peace, unity

Gold = plains and Namib Desert

Blue = Namibian sky, Atlantic Ocean, marine resources, importance of rain and water

Red = common loyalty to Namibia, heroism & determination

Green = natural & agricultural resources

The sun = life and energy twelve triangular rays separated from centre



#### TANZANIA

Combination of Zanzibar and Tanganyika

Black = People

Blue = Indian Ocean

Yellow = Gold Mines

Green = Agriculture



#### REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dominica parrot = only other 6 coloured flag – not as clear.

Originally no meanings, typical African flag = y-design and colours reminiscent of other examples on continent.

black, yellow and green = ANC, red, white and blue = colonial rule by Netherlands & Britain, y-design = a merging of the past and the present.

With time cultural diversity and then more traditional associations were made -

Yellow = Mineral Riches

Blue = Water

Black = People

White = Peace

Green = Natural Assets

Red = Blood Of The Struggle For Freedom