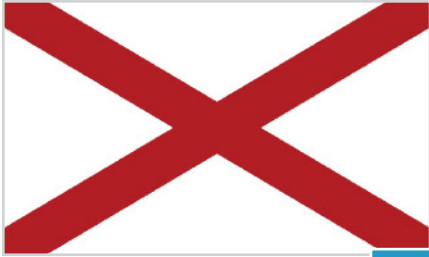


# Facts about Flags

Cut the cards along the dotted lines and match each flag with its state or fact card.



**Alabama**  
Capital: Montgomery

A crimson cross of St. Andrew on a field of white, the flag was adopted on February 16, 1895. It represents a heraldic symbol of a diagonal cross known as 'saltire'.



blue field displaying eight stars, the flag was designed by Benny Benson. Adopted in 1958, it represents the Alaskan sky and the eight major stars in the shape of the Big Dipper.



Adopted in 1917, the flag consists of a blue field with a gold star in the center, a red and yellow sunburst above it, and a red and white horizontal stripe below.



Capital: Little Rock

Adopted in 1901, the flag features a large diamond on a red field containing five stars and the word 'ARKANSAS'. It represents Arkansas as the only cotton-producing state. The 25 stars represent the state's admission to the Union as the 25th state to join the Union. The single star represents the state's membership in the Confederacy.



**California**  
Capital: Sacramento

William Todd designed the historic Bear Flag that was raised at Sonoma in 1846. The flag features the once common grizzly bear representing strength. The star refers to the Lone Star of Texas.

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**Colorado**  
Capital: Denver

This Centennial State's flag was designed by Andrew C Johnson. The tri-band design has alternative blue and white stripes. The red 'C' represents red soil and gold stands for the sunshine.



**Connecticut**  
Capital: Hartford

The flag was inspired by the Connecticut chapter of DAR. The flag consists of a black baroque shield with three purple grapevines on a field of azure blue. The flag reads the state's motto 'Qui Transtulit Sustinet'.



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The flag consists of a diamond on a colonial blue with the coat of arms containing many state symbols. The date; December 7, is the day when it became the first state to ratify the Constitution.

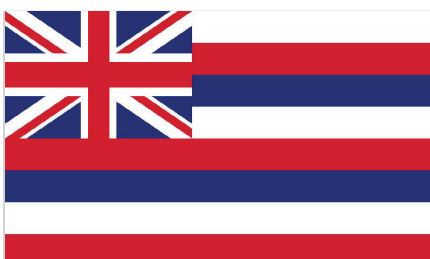


Adopted in 1900, the flag consists of a red saltire on a white field. The seal of the State is positioned on its center representing sunshine, flowers, rivers and palm trees.



Capital: Atlanta

Each State on May 8, 2003, adopted this new flag with three horizontal red-white-red. The upper left canton of the flag has a blue canton, containing the state's coat of arms with the words "In God We Trust".



**Hawaii**  
Capital: Honolulu

The aloha state flag was designed at the request of King Kamehameha I. The horizontal white, red and blue stripes represent its eight main islands. It has the Union Jack on it, to honor its friendship with the British.



**Idaho**  
Capital: Boise

This silk flag displays the State Seal of Idaho in the center of a blue field. Rich with Idaho symbols, it is the only state seal designed by a woman. The words "State of Idaho" are embroidered in golden letters.



**Illinois**  
Capital: Springfield

The State of Illinois's flag features the State's seal against a white background. The seal features an eagle holding a banner with the state motto on it. The name of the state "ILLINOIS" was added in 1970.



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g designed by Paul Hadley adopted as the State Flag in 1917. The flag features a flaming torch surrounded by 19 stars in a semi-circle on a blue field. The 19th star is crowned by the word "INDIANA".



awkeye state has a white-red vertical stripes as in the French flag. A bald eagle bears a ribbon reading "Our liberties and our rights we will maintain". The state's name is written in red.



Capital: Topeka

ed on a navy blue field is the State Seal, portraying the story of the state. Above the seal is the state's name, "KANSAS", resting on a twisted bar. The seal has the inscription of the state's name below it, in yellow.



**Kentucky**  
Capital: Frankfort

The Kentucky Flag was adopted on March 26, 1918. The Seal and the words "Commonwealth of Kentucky" are placed on a navy blue field. The two people featured on it, are enacting the meaning of the state motto.



**Louisiana**  
Capital: Baton Rouge

The flag of Louisiana represents a pelican and its young, in white and gold at the center of a solid blue field. Below is a white ribbon bearing the state's motto: "Union, Justice, and Confidence".



**Maine**  
Capital: Augusta

The Pine Tree State's flag displays its Coat of Arms on a blue field. The center shield features symbols of the natural richness of Maine and the North Star shines above the state motto: "Dirigo".



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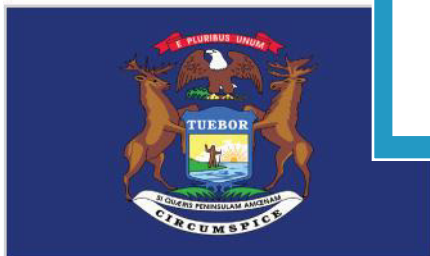
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ed as the State's flag in 1904, g bears the arms of the t and Crossland families. The and gold panels belong to the t family while the red and panels represent the and family.



y State has the image of an quin Native American on a shield against a white field. The motto meaning, "By the We Seek Peace, but Peace nder Liberty" is displayed



Capital: Lansing

eat Lake State adopted its 1911. The flag is deep blue d with State's Coat of Arms. It as a Moose, an Elk and the Bald Eagle around the shield labeled "TUEBOR".



**Minnesota**  
Capital: St. Paul

The royal blue flag displays the state's seal in the center. Around it is a wreath of the state flower with three dates woven into it. 19 stars ring the wreath. The largest star represents the North Star and Minnesota.



**Mississippi**  
Capital: Jackson

The official flag was adopted in 1894. The flag consists of blue, white and red horizontal bars with a square Union in the upper left corner that bears a blue cross and is emblazoned with 13 mullets.



**Missouri**  
Capital: Jefferson City

The Show-Me State adopted its flag in January 1822. The state's seal is centered on red-white-blue fields. Two grizzly bears support the circular shield encircled by the motto of the state: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall".



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3, Nebraska finally adopted te's flag. The state's seal in nd silver adorns the center blue rectangular cloth. The "Equality Before The Law" is ved on the ribbon.



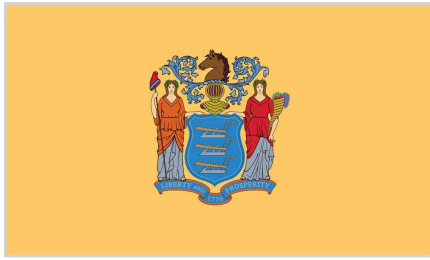
Capital: Carson City

a's state flag has a cobalt blue ound. The canton contains gebrush branches encircling star. A ribbon above the star displays the text "Battle Born" and below the star is the state's name.



**New Hampshire**  
Capital: Concord

The Granite State has the state's seal with the frigate Raleigh, surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves and nine stars in the center of a blue field. It did not officially adopt a flag until 1909.



**New Jersey**  
Capital: Trenton

The Garden State officially adopted its state's flag on January 15, 1896. The state's coat of arms is centered on a buff background that consists of three plows, two women and a ribbon reading "Liberty and Prosperity".



**New Mexico**  
Capital: Santa Fe

The New Mexico flag represents the ancient Zia sun symbol highlighting the state's Native American roots. The red and yellow colors are of old Spain. The red sun with four rays represents the four directions.



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ed in 1901, the New York state features the state's Coat of arms in the center of a dark blue banner below the shield the state's motto "Excelsior" or "Ever Upward".



g was designed by General on Jones. The flag consists the union with a silver star in nter. The state's initials "N" appear in gilt on either side star.



Capital: Bismarck

ed on a dark blue field is a eagle holding an olive branch bundle of arrows in its talons. on in its beak has the motto "E Pluribus Unum". The name of the state appears below, on a red scroll.



**Ohio**  
Capital: Columbus

The Buckeye State flag was designed by John Eisemann. The unique swallowtail design is called Burgee. The red and white stripes represent roads and waterways and the white circle with its red center represents "O" in Ohio.



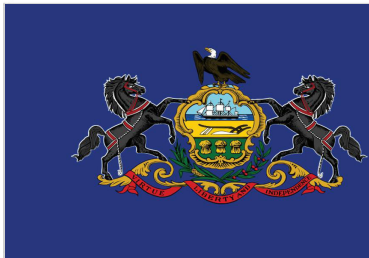
**Oklahoma**  
Capital: Oklahoma City

Oklahoma's flag was designed by Louise Fluke and was adopted in 1925. It displays a traditional Osage-Nation Buffalo shield decorated with eagle feathers and an olive branch and the calumet lying across it on a Choctaw blue field.



**Oregon**  
Capital: Salem

Oregon is the only two-sided flag. The navy blue and gold flag has an eagle above a heart-shaped shield surrounded by 33 stars on the front. The reverse side of the flag features a golden figure of a beaver, the state's animal.



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South Carolina's flag was designed in 1907. The flag has a deep blue field of Old Glory. The Coat of Arms has two draft horses on either side. The scroll at the bottom reads "Virtue, Liberty, Independence".



South Dakota's flag was designed in 1907. The flag has a white field with a yellow anchor, surrounded by 17 yellow stars representing the first 17 colonies. Below the anchor is a ribbon with the state's motto "HOPE".



Capital: Columbia

South Carolina's flag was designed by Colonel William Moultrie to match their uniforms. It features the state tree, a white palmetto in the center and a white crescent in the upper left corner.



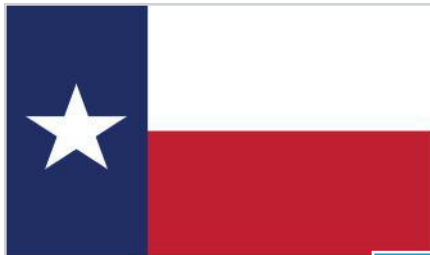
**South Dakota**  
Capital: Pierre

The flag features its state's seal surrounded by a yellow blazing sun with golden triangles. The names, South Dakota and The Mount Rushmore State are arranged in a circle around the sun on a sky blue background.



**Tennessee**  
Capital: Nashville

LeRoy Reeves of the Third Regiment designed the flag. On a crimson field, the flag shows three stars bound together in an unbroken circle with a blue background, representing the three grand divisions of the state.



**Texas**  
Capital: Austin

In the year 1945, Texas adopted its state flag. It features the famous Lone Star. The horizontal red and white fields and the vertical blue field represent bravery, purity and loyalty.



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The state's flag has the seal centered on a blue field. The seal features a sego lily on either side of a sheaf of wheat, symbolizing peace. The motto "INDUSTRY" represents industry and hard work.



On March 1, 1923, the General Assembly adopted the state's flag. The green field displays the coat of arms in the center. A crimson scroll below the seal bears the motto "Freedom and Unity".



Capital: RICHMOND

The state named after Queen Elizabeth I adopted its flag in 1861. The flag consists of the state's seal centered on a deep blue field with the Latin motto "Sic Semper Tyrannis".



**Washington**  
Capital: Olympia

The Evergreen State adopted its flag on March 5, 1923. Bunting with its state's seal in the center, it is the only state flag on a field of green and also to display an image of an actual person; George Washington.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## West Virginia

Capital: Charleston

The Mountain State's flag was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar. The coat of arms in the center of a pure white field is wreathed by Rhododendron, the state flower and topped with the state motto "Mountaineers are Always Free".



## Wisconsin

Capital: Madison

Wisconsin's state flag was designed in 1863. The flag consists of a dark blue field featuring the state's coat of arms at its center, which includes the state motto. The state's name; "Wisconsin" above, and the year "1848" are displayed below the seal.



Designed by red and white, the flag features the State's seal in the center, superimposed on the American bison on a blue field. Wyoming was one of the first states to ratify an official state flag in 1917.

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