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FLAG OF SLOVENIA - A BRIEF HISTORY







Trivia

Most people think the flags colours are Pan-Slavic, but actually it's from the coat of arms of a state that was part of the Holy Roman Empire.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	25 th June 1991
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A white, blue and red horizontal tri-colour with offset Slovenian Coat of Arms.
Colours:	CMYK - Blue : 100% Cyan, 60% Magenta, 10% Black; Red : 100% Magenta, 100% Yellow; Yellow : 10%
	Magenta, 100% Yellow.

Brief History

The modern flag of Slovenia takes its colours from the coat of arms of the Duchy of Carniola, a state of the Holy Roman Empire. During the Revolution of 1848 the first Slovenian tricolour was flown.





The Coat of Arms of the Duchy of Carniola

The Flag of the Slovenian Revolution (1848)

Slovenia was under the Austria-Hungary flag until the end of World War One when the state of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs joined to become the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.





The Flag of Austria-Hungary (1869 - 1918)

The Flag of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918 - 1943)



The Slovene Partisans, an anti-Nazi group, took up the Slovenian tricolour with a red star in the centre during World War Two. When The Socialist Republic of Slovenia was born this flag was adopted, with a s slightly bigger star.



The Flag of the Slovene Partisans (1941)



The Flag of the Socialist Republic of Slovenia (1943 – 1991)

In 1991 Slovenia became independent of Yugoslavia and a new coat of arms replaced the red five-pointed star.

The same flag with a 2:3 proportion was designed to be used as the civil and state ensign.



The Flag of Slovenia (1991 to Present Day)

The Coat of Arms of Slovenia

The Coat of Arms of Slovenia was designed in 1991. It is a blue shield with a red boarder inside of which is the Mount of Triglav and three gold stars. It has been criticized as having no real meaning.

The Coat of Arms of the Armed Forces of Slovenia features fire inside of which is the flag of Slovenia in front of two crossed gold swords.



The Coat of Arms of the Duchy of Carniola



The Flag of the Slovenian Revolution (1848)

Government Flags of Slovenia

All the Governmental flags of Slovenia follow the same square bordered flag with emblem in the centre. The flag of the President of Slovenia features a red and a blue border outside a white flag with the coat of arms of Slovenia in its centre. The flag of the President of the National Assembly and the Prime Ministers flag have a blue border with red centre and a red border with blue centre respectively. The Flag of the Minister of Defence and the Chief of General Staff feature the Armed Forces coat of arms in the centre.



The Flag of the President of Slovenia



The Flag of the President of the National Assembly of Slovenia



The Prime Minister of Slovenia





Proposed Flags of Slovenia

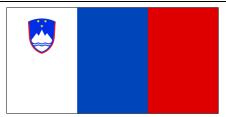
In 1990, before Slovenia became independent, there was a proposition to turn the five-pointed star gold. This was scrapped when independence was given. In 2003 there was a campaign to change the nation's flag, however due to strong opposition the proposals were never carried out. Here are two vertical bicolour examples of the proposals.







The Proposed Flag of Slovenia (2003)



The Proposed Flag of Slovenia (2003)

The Naval Jack of Slovenia

The Naval jack is a white, blue and yellow horizontal tricolour that takes its colours from the coat of arms of Slovenia.

