

Let's Have Fun

With

Flags!



Hi, kids!

Today we're going to learn about flags! And not just any flags, but country flags.

Did you know that every country has a flag? Some of them might have parts that look like another flag, but each one is different and unique. Flags are a symbol of the country, and people often take pride in their flag. After all, don't we see the American flag in lots of different places? You can find it hanging on flag poles or see pictures of it on stamps, posters and even clothes!

There are almost 200 different countries in the world today, so there are a LOT of country flags. That's why Mack and I decided to make it simpler and just share 10 flags with you, two from each region of the world. In fact, you might be learning the name of some of these countries for the very first time!

Along the way we'll share some interesting facts, and you'll get to color the flags too. The fun part is that we're going to tell you the colors of each flag, but YOU get to decide how to color them. When you're done, ask your mom or dad to help you look up the flag on the internet and see how close you are to what the flag really looks like!

So are you ready?

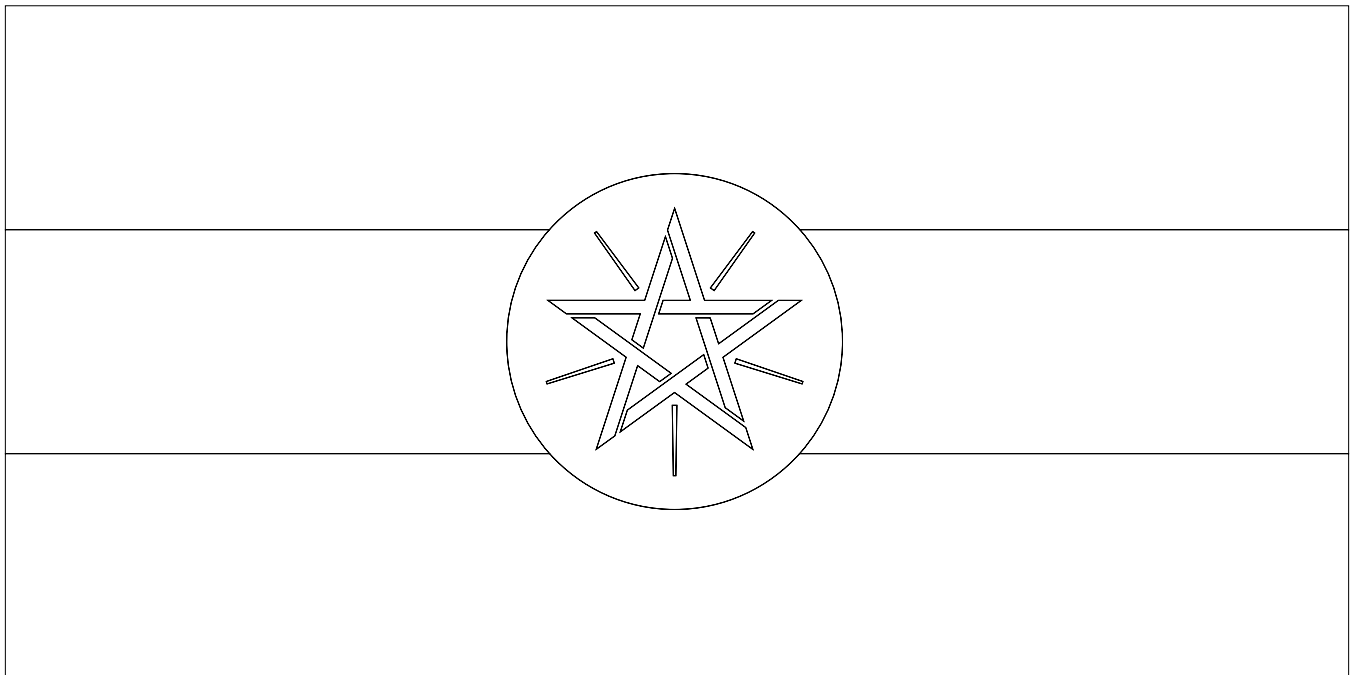
Let's start learning about flags!



AFRICA

Ethiopia

The flag of Ethiopia was adopted in 1996, so it's one of the world's newest flags! Ethiopia is the oldest independent African state, and it's believed that they were the first to use the green, yellow and red colors that are seen in the flags of many countries across Africa to represent independence and unity.



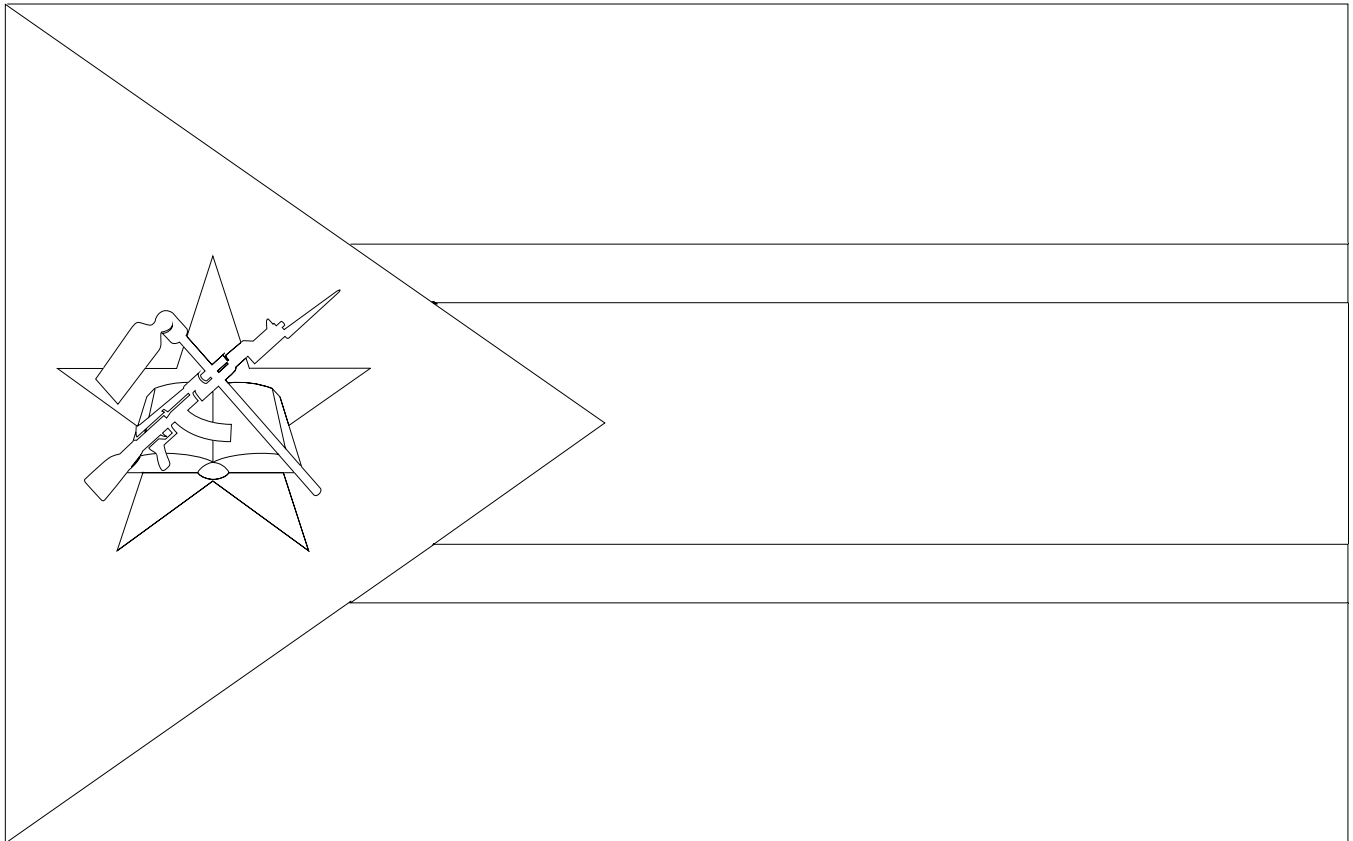
Colors: red | green | yellow | blue



AFRICA

Mozambique

If you look at the flag of Mozambique, you'll see that there's a book, a hoe and a rifle. The book represents education, the hoe represents agriculture, and the rifle represents defending freedom.



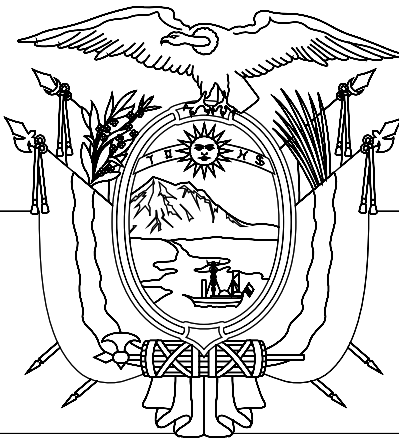
Colors: red | green | yellow | black | white



AMERICAS

Ecuador

The flag of Ecuador was adopted in 1860, so it's one of the world's oldest flags still used today! The bird on the coat of arms in the center of the flag is the Andean condor, and it's on the coat of arms of three other countries, too — Bolivia, Chile and Colombia.



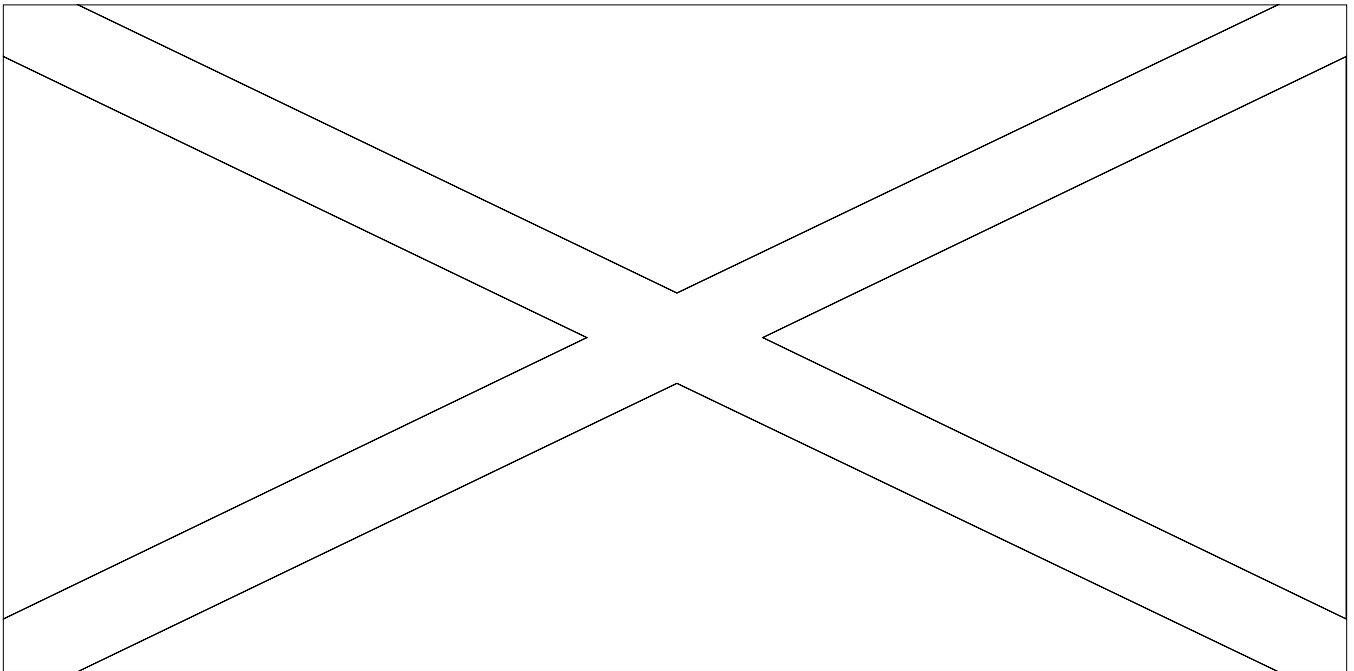
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AMERICAS

Jamaica

The Jamaican flag is symbolized by the local motto “Hardships there are but the land is green and the sun shineth.” The black color represents the hardship Jamaica has overcome so far and what it might face in the future. The green represents hope and agriculture, and the yellow stands for the sunlight.



Colors: green | yellow | black



ASIA

Sri Lanka

The flag of Sri Lanka is called “the Lion Flag.” In fact, it’s actually two flags that have become one flag! The lion part of the flag was created in 1948, and the stripes were added in 1951.



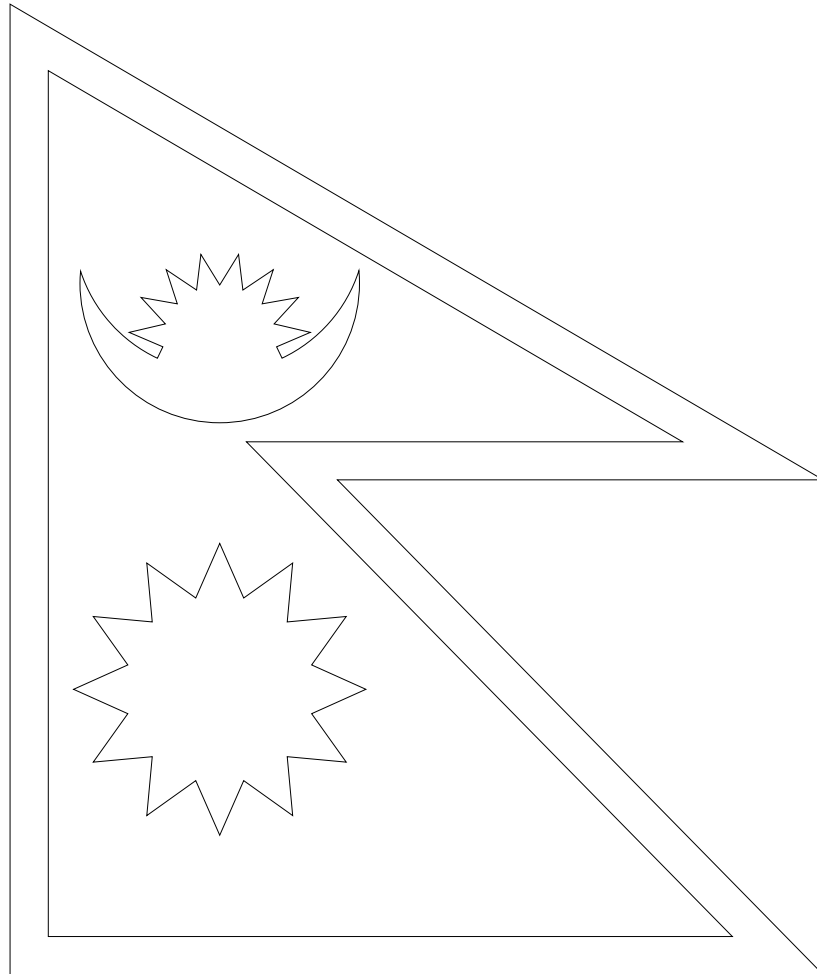
Colors: yellow | green | orange | crimson



ASIA

Nepal

The flag of Nepal is the only non-quadrilateral flag in the world! That means it's the only flag without four sides, like a rectangle. Instead it's made of two triangles.



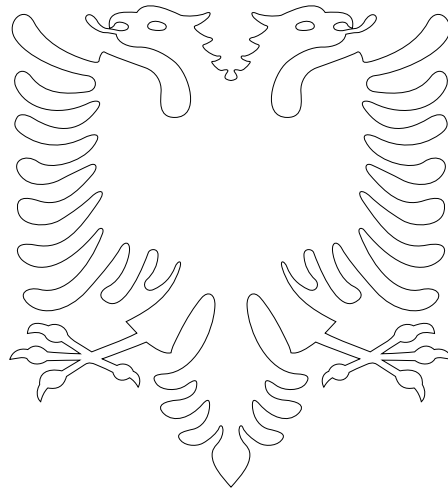
Colors: **red** | **blue** | **white**



EUROPE

Albania

The Albanian flag has an eagle on it. The eagle comes from an Albanian folktale, and it represents the eagle faithfully watching over and guiding the king of the country, who is called “the son of the eagle.”



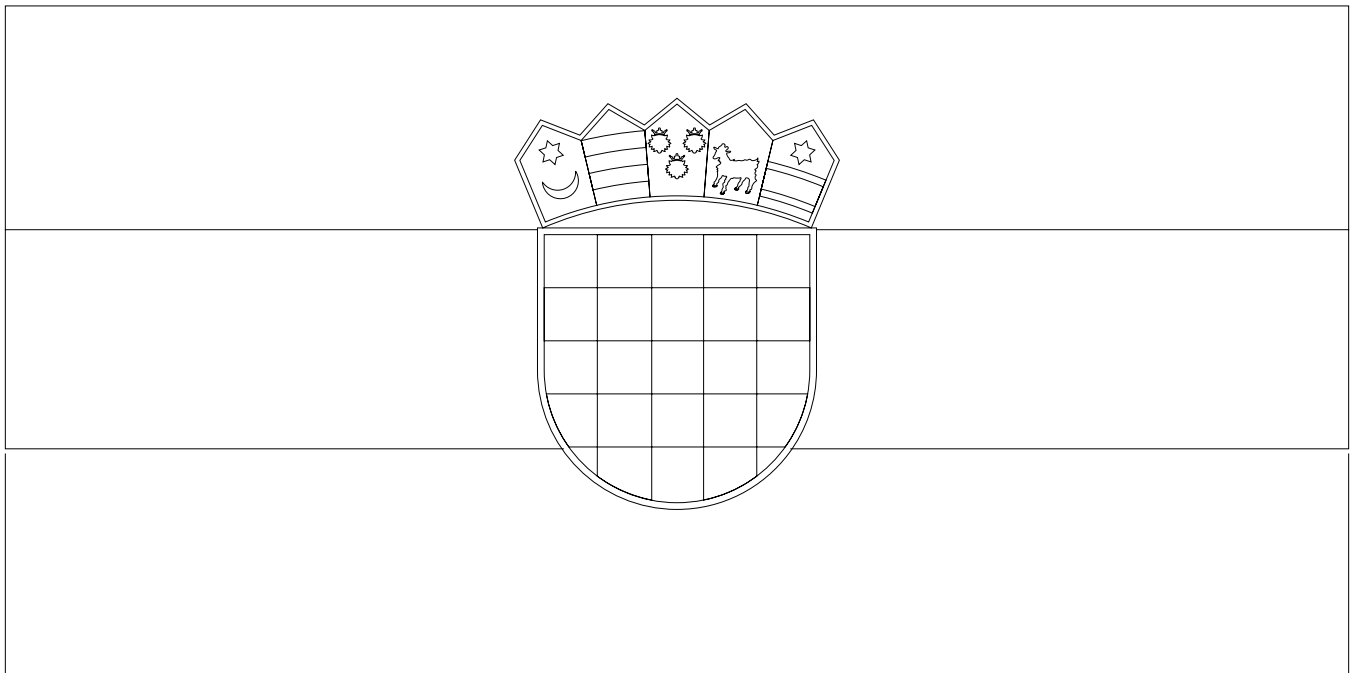
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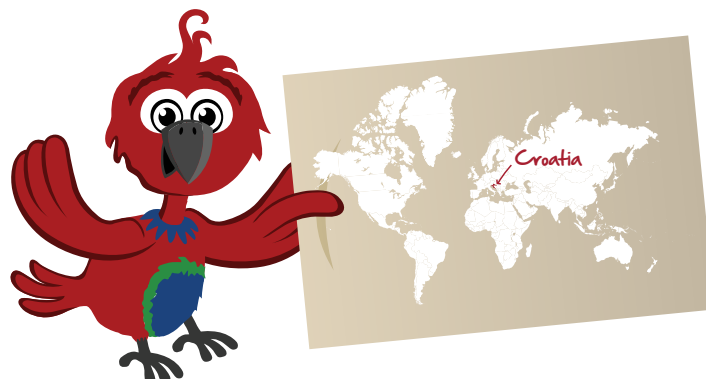
EUROPE

Croatia

The colors of the Croatian flag come from the country's coat of arms, which you can see in the center of the flag. The red shows the blood of Croatian martyrs, the white shows the country's peaceful nature, and the blue represents Croatian devotion to God.



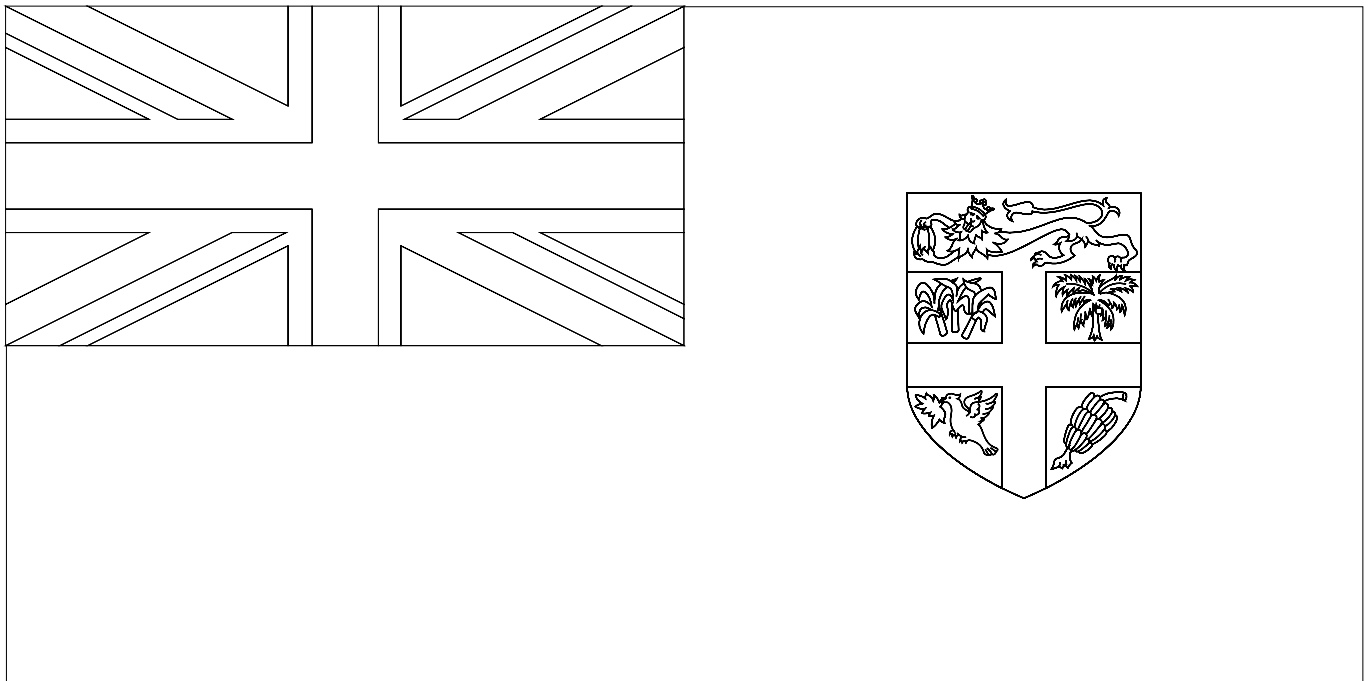
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PACIFIC

Fiji

The Fiji flag has the British Union Jack on it in the upper left corner because Fiji was once ruled by Britain. The light blue represents the Pacific Ocean, and the Fiji coat of arms is shown with its three sugar canes, a coconut palm, a dove with an olive branch and a bunch of bananas.



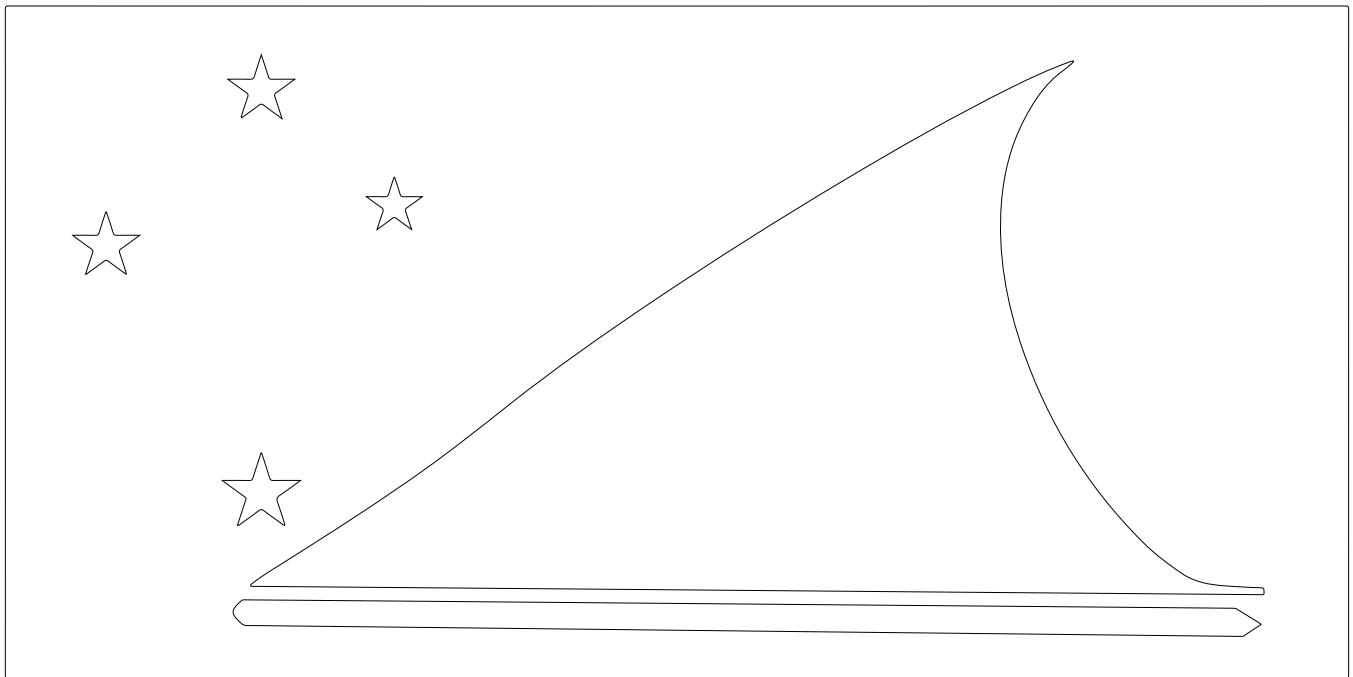
Colors: red | blue | light blue | yellow | green | light brown | white



PACIFIC

Tokelau

The Tokelau flag shows a canoe sailing, and the stars are a symbol of Christianity, which is an important part of life in Tokelau. The flag was designed by a competition in 2007 and became an official flag in 2009.



Colors: blue | yellow | white

