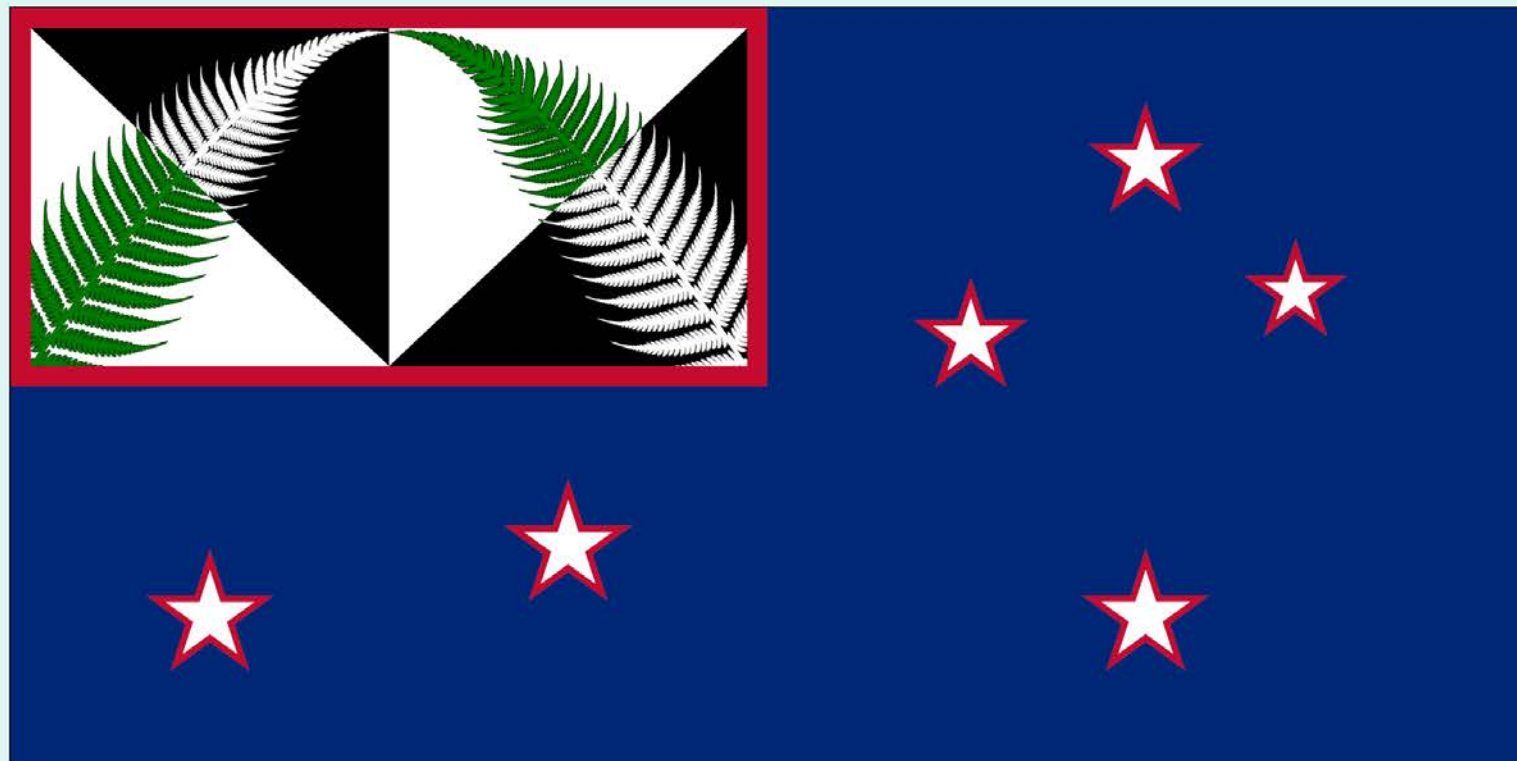


“Abracadabra variant 11”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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Like [variant 8](#) of the basic 'Abracadabra' New Zealand flag design, this variant takes the approach of substituting 'something else' for the current flag's Union Jack canton, but in this case the red-bordered, black-and-white abstraction of the letters 'NZ' has been given the added symbolism of two silver fern fronds, which have been rendered in green where they arch across the white triangles. The ferns help to visually tie the black-and-white triangles together whilst making them less stark than they otherwise are on their own, and their added symbolism only makes the triangles all the more distinctive. Also as in the variant 8 design, the Pointers are included in the lower canton, but in this case its two stars, as well as those of the Southern Cross stars in the fly, have been rendered with white centres and red borders, giving them much more visual contrast to the dark blue field than occurs with the stars of the current flag. This 'brighter star' motif can be carried over to several of the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as illustrated above. Should a majority of Kiwis decide they only want the NZ flag to have a better canton, Abracadabra variant 11 offers them an elegant alternative.