

“Abracadabra variant 14”, 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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This variant of the original 'Abracadabra' flag design adorns its abstract 'NZ' background with an arch of silver fern fronds and with the traditional, New Zealand-style Southern Cross, but all of these are rendered entirely in black-and-white, the nation's official national colours. The alternating black-and-white forms of the ferns and of the stars serve to unify the NZ background and to make it far less stark than it is in the basic Abracadabra design. In particular, the gracefully arching fern fronds soften the harsh geometry of the background. Conclusively proving that a black-and-white flag can be supremely symbolic of New Zealand without being mistakable for one of piracy or of terrorism, Abracadabra variant 14 is also easily 'cantonised' for use in the remaining flags and ensigns of EnZed, as has been illustrated above, with its colours reversed where appropriate to provide best field contrast for the flag or ensign in question. This is a design for Kiwis who have loved the idea of a black-and-white national flag, but have been disappointed in all other offerings.