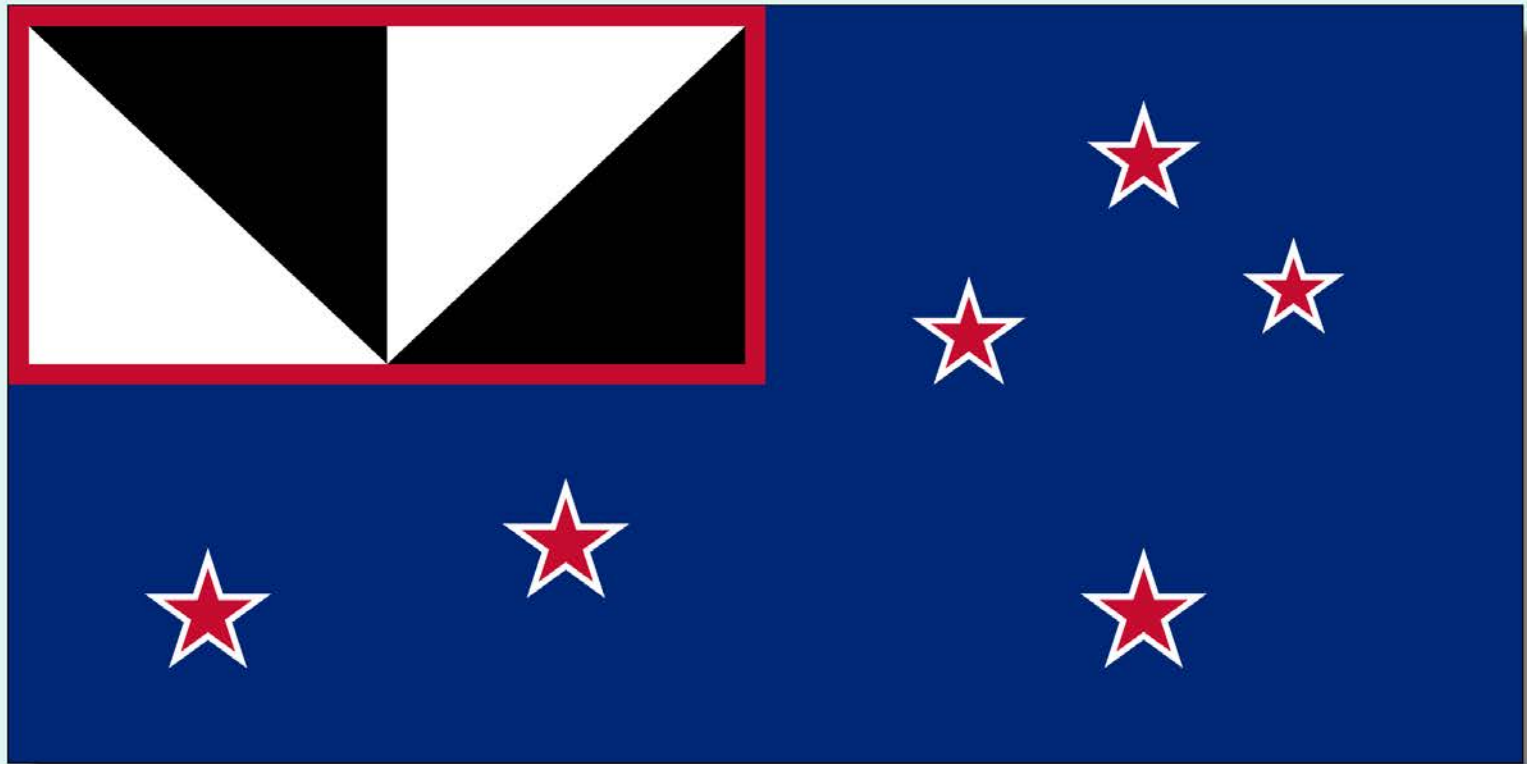


“Abracadabra variant 8”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



Army



Navy ships



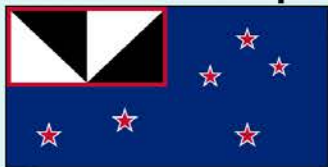
Air Force



RSA



Government ships



Civil & merchant ships



Civil aviation



Yacht Squadron



Police Service



Fire & Emergency



Customs Service



NZ Olympic Committee



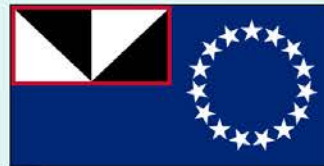
Tokelau



Niue



Cook Islands



Ross Dependency



Auckland



Wellington



Christchurch



United Nations



See this flag waving. See it in all wind conditions. See many more alternative New Zealand flag designs at newzealand.flagoptions.com

This variant of the basic 'Abracadabra' flag design may be especially appealing to those who favour replacing the current New Zealand national flag with one that simply substitutes something else for that flag's canton, the difficult bit being that the 'something else' must be as good or better than the Union Jack. For Kiwis who subscribe to this school of thought, a red-bordered abstraction of 'NZ' that is formed from black-and-white triangles might just do the trick. It would be a design solution that staunch lovers of simplicity could rally behind, whether or not it included the added 'magic' of Pointer Stars in the flag's lower canton, as has been suggested here for both the national flag and for many of the other flags and ensigns of the nation, as shown above. Abracadabra variant 8 is perhaps one of the simplest New Zealand flag designs that the designer has ever offered, but being no great fan of simplicity herself she opines that the slightly more complex but far more symbolic approaches taken in [Abracadabra variant 3](#) or in [Abracadabra variant 11](#) would be preferable, with the latter flag design in particular being an arguably better way to appease the 'just replace the canton' crowd.