

“Aesthetic Boundaries variant 18D”, 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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As with the original 'Aesthetic Boundaries' flag design and its other variants, this variant includes a full border, in this case a distinctive series of alternating black-and-white triangles, themselves trimmed on their inner and outer edges with additional borders of red. Besides being rendered in New Zealand's official colours, the black-and-white triangles have the added virtue of being abstractions of the capitalised letters 'N' and 'Z'. Inset within the border is a version of the 'Advancing Always' flag design, comprising a black kiwi silhouette on a near-realistically-rendered silver fern frond, both of which are situated atop a blue background field. Gracing the fly and completing the design are the traditional red-and-white stars of the New Zealand-style Southern Cross. Following the convention of the original Advancing Always design for certain other flags and ensigns of the nation, the silver fern frond can be rendered in green. Sumptuously symbolic of New Zealand, this flag design will be instantly recognisable at any distance and in any wind conditions.

Vertical 'banner' versions of the design can also be derived, whether for celebratory purposes or for use as respectful casket palls. Shown below are suggested banner versions of the national flag and of the NZ Defence Forces ensigns, but any of the other flags and ensigns shown on the previous page can be adapted in like manner. Below right is an illustration of a banner version in use as a pall.



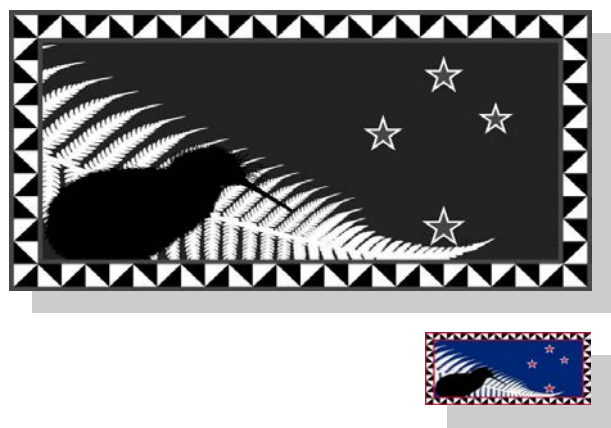
When palls are used during funeral services, especially for the funerals of prominent citizens or for those of Defence Force members who die in the line of duty, they are sometimes formally folded for presentation to a designated survivor, either to simply be stored or to be placed within a glass-fronted frame as a memento of the deceased. When the folding is performed in a carefully choreographed procedure by uniformed Defence Force personnel, it will not only be respectful but even moving. A possible procedure is shown below.

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1. Starting position, obverse side up. The dashed line marks the exact vertical centre.
2. The top and bottom edges are folded up and inwards to the vertical centre, making the folded flag two layers thick.
3. The four corners are folded up and inwards to the centre, making the folded flag four layers thick.
4. The four corners are folded up and inwards to the centre, making the folded flag eight layers thick. The bottom half is then folded upwards to form a rectangular package, making the folded flag sixteen layers thick. The package is inverted laterally to reveal Alpha Crux, which is the bottommost star of the Southern Cross. The package can now be presented.
5. (optional) Following the first folding operation of step 4, the four corners are folded up and inwards to the centre, forming a diamond-shaped package and making the folded flag sixteen layers thick. The bottom half of the diamond is then folded up to form a triangular package, making the folded flag 32 layers thick. The triangular package is inverted laterally to reveal Alpha Crux. The package can now be presented.
6. (optional) Following the second folding operation of step 5, the left and right corners of the triangular package are folded up to the top corner to form a diamond-shaped package, making the folded flag 64 layers thick. The diamond-shaped package is inverted laterally to reveal Alpha Crux. The package can now be presented.
7. (optional) Following the first folding operation of step 6, the bottom half of the diamond-shaped package is folded up to form a triangular package. The triangular package is then inverted laterally and presented. Because the folded flag will now be 128 layers thick, this operation probably cannot be performed on a flag with the dimensions of a casket pall, but only on a much larger ceremonial flag.



To the left, the flag is depicted waving. Shown below are depictions of the flag in greyscale and at a size approximating that of a lapel-pin.



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