

Taking advantage of the impact of black-and-white, considered to be New Zealand's national colours, a silhouette of one of the smaller kiwi species is centred within a circle of sixteen stars, symbolising the official regions of NZ proper. A frame of eight silver fern fronds represents the main parts of the full Realm of New Zealand, including NZ proper, the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, the Ross Dependency, the Chatham Islands, the Kermadec Islands, and the NZ Subantarctic Islands. In the fly, sixteen red-and-blue stripes further represent New Zealand's official regions, and the stripes are overlaid with the traditional New Zealand-style Southern Cross. With the Cross, the ferns, and the kiwi, all of New Zealand's main symbols, plus representations of NZ's official regions and full Realm, this flag design is chocka.