## "Triple Cross", a New Zealand national flag design (suggested derivative flags and ensigns are also depicted)

Suggested flags for the Ross Dependency and for the South Island



Taking a cue from the Union Jack, the hoist of this flag combines vertical and diagonal crosses to form a unique visual icon, highly recognisable at any distance. The four-pointed vertical cross is comprised of 16 red-and-white segments, representing the official regions of New Zealand proper. Four silver fern fronds form the diagonal cross, representing the other major areas of the Realm of New Zealand: the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, and the Ross Dependency, and the eight points of the two crosses represent the broader Realm, inclusive of the Chatham Islands, the Kermadec Islands, and the NZ Subantarctic Islands. In the fly the Southern Cross overlays 16 red-and-blue stripes, further symbolising New Zealand's official regions. Even in a lack of wind, the stripes will make this flag easy to recognise.