

THE ROYAL STANDARD



Discover the meaning behind the flag called the Royal Standard and design one of your own.



The Royal Standard flying over Windsor Castle in 2021. This is the ceremonial flag which is about the size of a double decker bus!

What is the Royal Standard?

The Royal Standard represents the Sovereign and the United Kingdom. It is flown when the reigning monarch is in residence at one of the Royal Palaces. Smaller versions are flown on official car journeys and on aircraft (when not in flight). The flag is also draped over the coffin of the monarch when they die.



Did you know?

The Royal Standard is never flown at half mast as there is always a sovereign on the throne.

The meaning behind the Royal Standard

The flag is divided into quarters and each image has a different meaning.



The three gold lions walking on a red field represent England.



The red lion standing on a gold field represents Scotland.



The gold harp on a blue field represents Ireland.

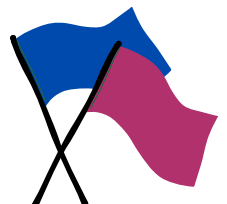


Other members of the Royal family have their own versions of the Royal Standard. A different version is also used in Scotland.

These images are of a Royal Standard flag in the museum collection. It was made and flown in Datchet when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II visited as part of the Royal Progress from Hurley to Magna Carta Island on 18 October 1974. Object number : 2010.40

Design your own Royal Standard

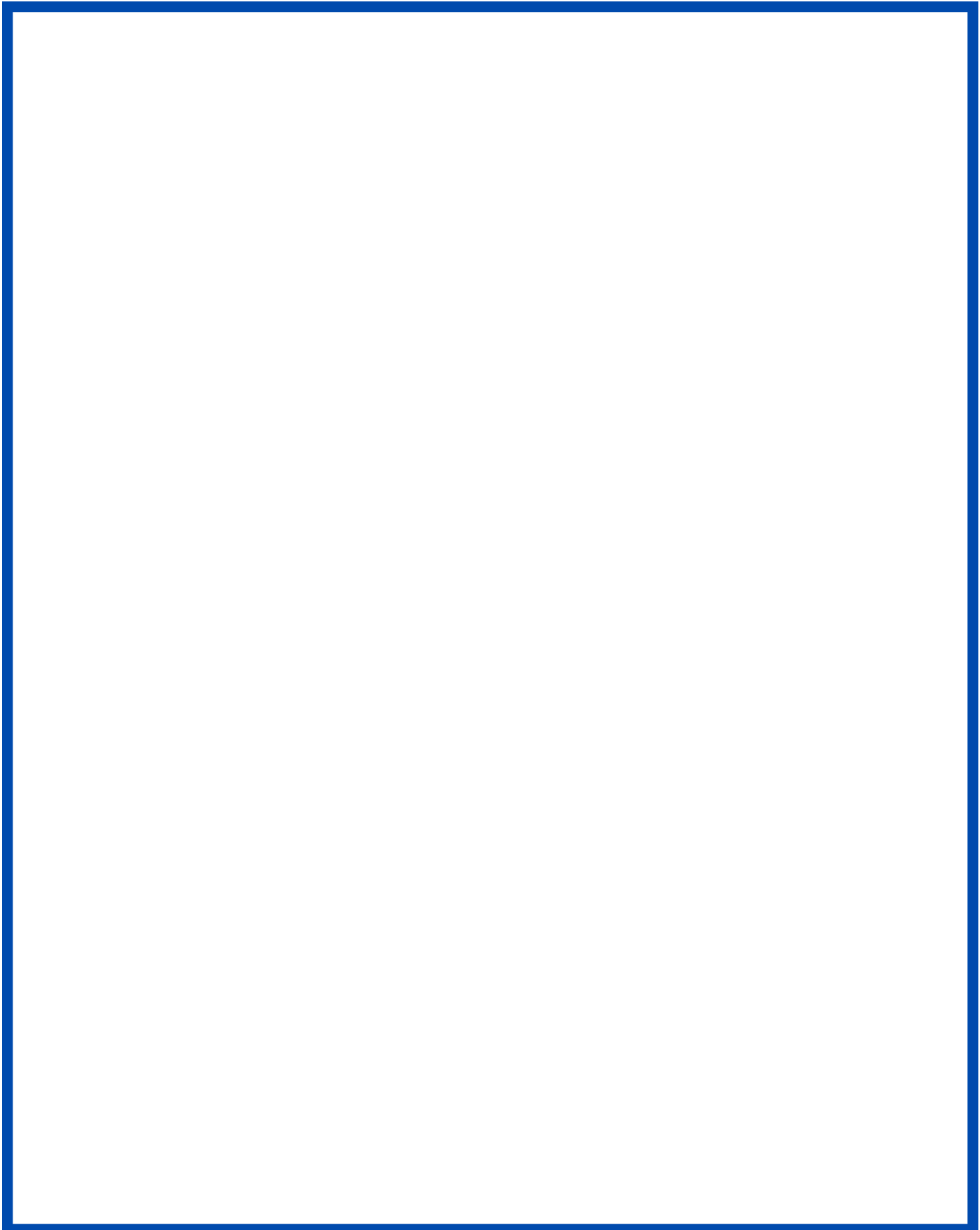
What images would you use on your own family Royal Standard?
Use the templates on the next pages to help you.



Visit www.windsormuseum.org.uk for more resources.

MY ROYAL STANDARD

What symbols would you put on your own Royal Standard? Use the animal and object pages to help you choose or design your own.

A large, empty rectangular area enclosed by a thick blue border, intended for a child to draw their own Royal Standard.

COLOURS & MEANINGS

Here are some examples of what the different colours used on flags mean. Which will you use on your own Royal Standard?



Red
Power
Love



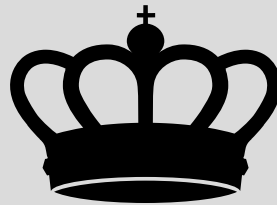
White
Peace
Innocence



Blue
Tranquillity
Calmness



Yellow
Happiness
Energy



Black
Darkness
Mystery



Orange
Joy
Creativity



Green
Freshness
Fertility



Purple
Passion
Wealth

When you have finished your design, ask an adult to share a photo of it with us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram using #MyRoyalStandard

ANIMALS & MEANINGS



Choose which animals you would like to include on your Royal Standard.
Give them some colour, cut them out and glue them onto your flag design.



Bull
Determined



Fox
Clever



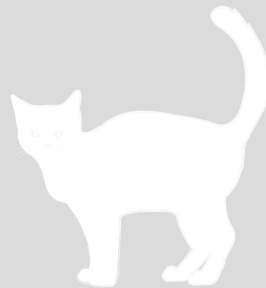
Butterfly
Transformation



Rabbit
Comfort



Dog
Loyal



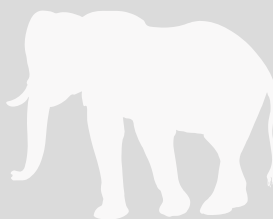
Cat
Lucky



Swan
Beauty



Bird
Freedom



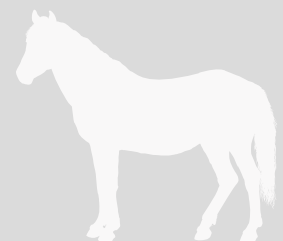
Elephant
Powerful



Owl
Wise



Lion
Courageous



Horse
Dutiful

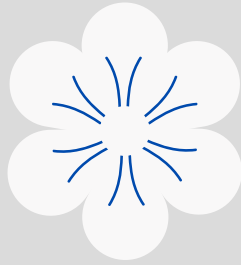
OBJECTS & MEANINGS



Choose which objects you would like to include on your Royal Standard.
Give them some colour, cut them out and glue them onto your flag design.



Sun
Warmth



Flower
Growth



Apple
Temptation



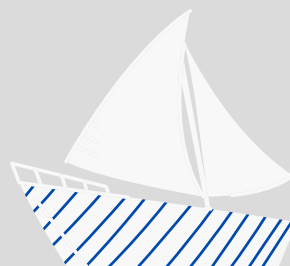
Fire
Anger



Heart
Kind



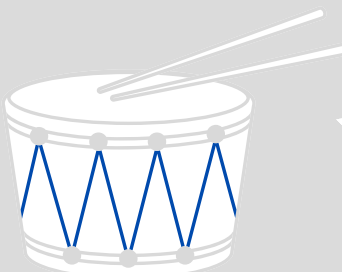
Clover
Luck



Boat
Free Spirit



Angel
Goodness



Drum
Rhythm



Star
Pure



Moon
Power



Forest
Life