

# 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?

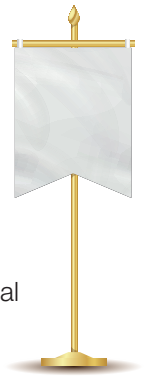
The Royal Standard represents the Sovereign and the United Kingdom. It is flown when the reigning monarch is in residence at one of the Royal Palaces. Smaller versions are flown on official car journeys and on aircraft (when not in flight). The flag is also draped over the coffin of the monarch when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

## Did you know?

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

## 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.



## 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

# 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.

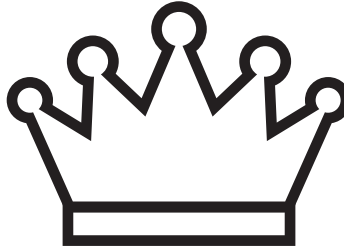


# Colours & Meanings

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**  
Tranquility  
Calmness



**Yellow**  
Happiness  
Energy



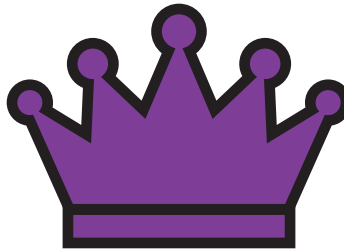
**Black**  
Darkness  
Mystery



**Orange**  
Joy  
Creativity



**Green**  
Freshness  
Fertility



**Purple**  
Passion  
Wealth

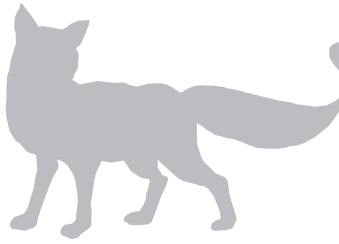
When you have finished your design, ask a adult to share a photo of it with us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram using **#MyRoyalStandard**

# Animals & Meanings

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



**Bull**  
Determined



**Fox**  
Clever



**Butterfly**  
Transformation



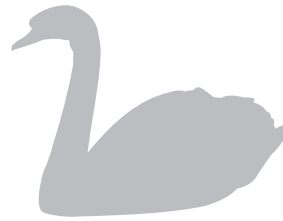
**Rabbit**  
Comfort



**Dog**  
Loyal



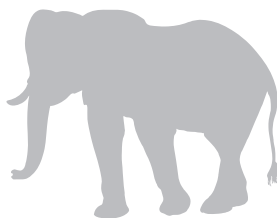
**Cat**  
Lucky



**Swan**  
Beauty



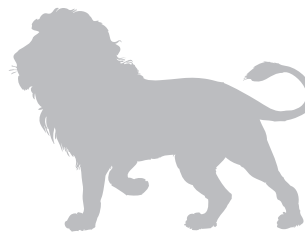
**Bird**  
Freedom



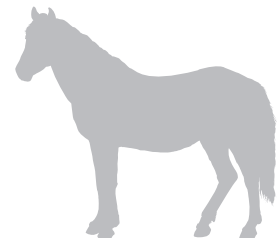
**Elephant**  
Powerful



**Owl**  
Wise



**Lion**  
Courageous



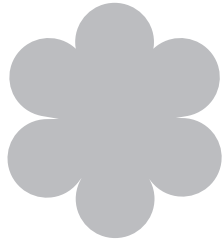
**Horse**  
Dutiful

# Shapes & Meanings

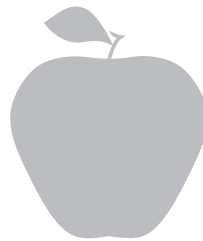
Choose which objects you would like to include on your Royal Standard. Give them some colour, cut them out and glue them onto your flag design.



**Sun**  
Warmth



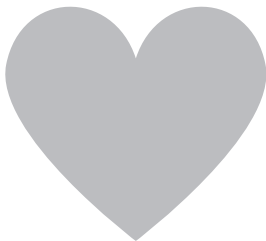
**Flower**  
Growth



**Apple**  
Temptation



**Fire**  
Anger



**Heart**  
Kind



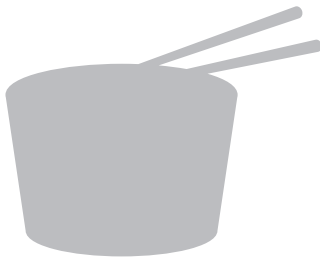
**Clover**  
Luck



**Boat**  
Free spirit



**Angel**  
Goodness



**Drum**  
Rhythm



**Star**  
Pure



**Moon**  
Power



**Forest**  
Life