

## Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which shares more information about national flags and how they are designed.

The design of a national flag is incredibly important. The colours, shapes and symbols used all represent something. The challenge of designing a national flag can be very tricky!



Designing a great flag is very difficult, as you are trying to squeeze a whole nation into a small box. A great flag has a bold, simple design to grab people's attention. It should have no words and a maximum of four strong contrasting colours. It shouldn't be fashionable and it must be distinctive from other flags.

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### Did you know?

Vexillology is the study of flags and a vexillologist is someone who designs flags. Look at the two flag designs below and what they represent. Do you think they fit Malcolm Farrow's criteria of making a great flag?

The flag of the United States of America has 50 stars which represent the 50 states that make up the USA and 13 stripes representing the 13 original states.



Kosovo adopted its flag immediately after declaring independence from Serbia in 2008. Ibrahim Muhamer designed the flag after winning the international flag designing competition held by the United Nations. The six white stars, sitting in an arc above a golden map of Kosovo, symbolise the six ethnic groups in the country.