

Doing the Commonwealth Star one better, a sixteen-point 'raised' gold star allots a point for each of the ten territories as well as for each of the six states. Redolent of Australian sunshine and perhaps even of golden wattle, the star and its green field are surrounded by a distinctive circular pattern of red-white-and-blue, an arrangement that melds all of the nation's official colours into a single unique emblem. The Australian-style Southern Cross completes the design. Variants '1' and '3' of the design replace the green field with blue, and variants '2' and '3' add additional numeric symbolism with sixteen red-and-blue stripes in the fly.