

In the hoist, the Union Jack has been reconstructed to span both cantons and to become the background for a circular blue medallion bearing Australia's seven-pointed Commonwealth Star. Thus the design honours Australia's English heritage whilst leaving no doubt as to which nation the flag represents. The position of the Commonwealth Star is such that it can be prominently displayed when the flag is purposefully draped. The blue fly is graced by the traditional Australian-style Southern Cross. For variant '1' of the design, sixteen red-and-blue stripes appear in the fly to represent the nation's six states and its ten territories.