

## National Flag of Scotland



- The flag of Scotland consists of a dark blue base with a white St. Andrew's cross through the middle.
- Traditional belief states that Scotland's adoption of St. Andrew, a disciple of Jesus who is said to have been crucified on an X-shaped cross, as their patron saint.
- There is no known date of adoption for the Scottish flag but the use of the St. Andrew's cross dates back to at least the 12th century. By the 15th century the cross was used with a blue background.
- The Scottish flag is one of three flags that make up the Union Jack of Great Britain, one of the most famous flags in the world. The Union Jack consists of the Scottish white cross of St. Andrew the English red cross of St. George and the Northern Irish red cross of St. Patrick on a blue base.
- After nearly 300 years, Scotland regained the right to govern itself with the opening of the Scottish parliament in Edinburgh on July 1st, 1999. In celebration, Scottish flags were flown all over the country that day.

