

## Vlag! 34 Summery

### Minnesota

The U.S. state of Minnesota will adopt a new flag on 11 May, 2024. The flag was chosen from 2128 submitted designs. The flag shows the shape of the state in dark blue on the hoist with a light blue fly.

### Nagorno Karabakh

The Armenian enclave of Nagorno Karabakh in Azerbaijan has been conquered by Azerbaijan. On 15 October, the Azerbaijani president hoisted his flag in Chankendi, the new name of the old capital Stepanakert.

### Kyrgyzstan

The Central Asian state of Kyrgyzstan has changed the shape of the sun's rays on its flag. The 40 rays, which stand for the 40 tribes in Kyrgyzstan, are now straight.

### Southern Ethiopia

The new regional state of Southern Ethiopia came into existence on 19 August, 2023. The flag has horizontal stripes of green, blue and red with a yellow triangle on the hoist. Special is that all coloured areas on the flag are outlined in black.

### Singallen and Selonia

The flags of the Latvian historical regions of Singallen and Selonia are identical to the Latvian flag with a different colour combination. Singallen received its flag on 29 September, 2023 in the colours dark green and white. Selonia received its flag as early as 22 May, 1999 with the colours red-white-dark green.

### Voorne aan Zee

The new municipality of 'Voorne aan Zee' was created by merging Brielle, Hellevoetsluis and Westvoorne. The new flag was established on 21 December, 2023 and contains the colours of the land, the dunes and the sea.

### Enschede

On 29 January, 2024, the city council of Enschede approved the proposal to put a barrier on the white-red-white city flag; as a symbol for the border between the Dutch province Overijssel and Münsterland in Germany.

The Defence Minister has a new flag of distinction

The Dutch Defence Minister has new flag containing an emblem of two crossed swords and a crown. With this, the Military Police is now also represented.

The city of Hoorn commissions a replica of the flag captured from the Spaniards  
In 1573, the Spaniards tried to reconquer the part of Holland liberated by the *Geuzen* (Dutch liberation army). At the Battle of the Zuiderzee, Hoorn captured a Spanish war flag. This red and white Burgundian cross flag now hangs in the Oosterkerk in Hoorn.

Nijmegen Skippers Antependium

This 15<sup>th</sup>-century canvas depicts a ship flying the flag with the coat of arms of Gelre and Gulik. At the bow, the ship carries a pennant with the eagle of Nijmegen.

Blue, yellow and black colours green Gelderland

The colours blue, yellow and black correspond to the coat of arms of Gelderland based on the arms of Gelre and Gulik. A second coat of arms for Gelderland is based on the coat of arms of Gelre and Zutphen.

Cross from coat of arms on a 'Chilean' type flag

The coat of arms of the municipality of Heiloo consists of a white cross on red. The flag of Heiloo consists of this emblem on a horizontal yellow and blue flag (mimicking the Chilean flag).

Utah keeps a beehive as a symbol of industry and community spirit

The U.S. state of Utah officially inaugurated its Beehive Flag on 9 March, 2024. The old flag will retain a ceremonial function.