The national flag of Canada is also known as the Maple Leaf, or l’Unifolie {French for ‘the one-leafed’}. The flag has a red background with a white square centered on the flag. Within the white square is an 11-pointed red maple leaf. Queen Elizabeth proclaimed the flag in January of 1965 and the new flag was adopted on February 15, 1965 ~ now the official Flag Day of Canada.

The maple leaf has been the Canadian symbol as far back as the early 1700’s. The red and white colors have long been a part of French and English history and were declared Canada’s official colors in 1921 by King George V.

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