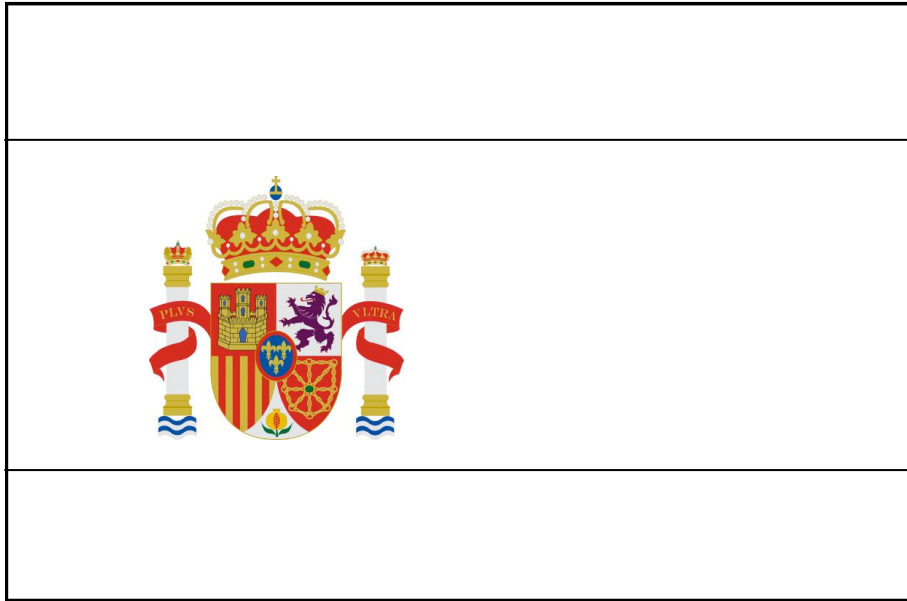


The Flag of Spain



Color the flag of Spain after reading about the flag's colors

The Spanish flag has three horizontal bands. The top and bottom band are red and the middle band is yellow. The yellow band is twice as tall as each of the red bands. Spain's coat of arms is on the left side of the yellow band (the 'hoist' side).

The Spanish coat of arms includes the royal seal and is framed by the Pillars of Hercules. The Pillars represent Gibraltar and Ceuta, which are located on each side of the Strait of Gibraltar. The motto "plus ultra" means "further beyond" in Latin. The royal seal is quartered and each of the four quarters represents one of the four kingdoms that were merged to form a unified Spain.

- The gold castle on the red background represents the kingdom of Castile
- The purple lion on the silver background represents the kingdom of Leon
- The four vertical red bars on the gold background represent the kingdom of Aragon
- The linked gold chains on the red background represent the kingdom of Navarre
- The pomegranate fruit at the bottom represents the kingdom of Granada
- The three golden fleur de lys in the center represents the House of Bourbon

Spain's flag was officially adopted on December 19, 1981 after the coat of arms was updated. The national pledge to the flag is called the Jura de Bandera.