The flag of Nigeria has two colors: green and white. Both of the outer bands are green and the center band is white. The design for the flag was chosen in 1959 after Nigeria held a contest for a new design. The original flag chosen also had a red sun at the top of the white stripe, but the judges removed the sun.

The current flag was raised when the Union Jack flag was removed and Nigeria celebrated its independence on October 1, 1960. The green bands represent the forests of Nigeria and the white band represents peace.