

# Arkansas State Flag

Natural State • Capital: Little Rock • Statehood: 1836

## Overview

A red field with a white diamond, blue border and stars. The diamond recalls the state’s status as America’s sole diamond-producing region. The stars trace both its place in the Union and its brief ties to the Confederacy. “The Natural State” is proudly written into that geometry.

### Flag specifications

Adopted: 1913-02-26

Designer: Willie Hocker

Ratio: 2:3

Red field with large white diamond bordered by blue with stars, and the word ‘ARKANSAS’ inside.

#### Colors



### Symbolism

|            |                                                          |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| diamond    | Represents Arkansas as the only diamond-producing state. |
| 25 stars   | Marks Arkansas as the 25th state.                        |
| large star | Symbolizes membership in the Confederacy.                |

### Historical timeline

- 1836: Arkansas admitted as 25th state.
- 1913: Flag adopted after design contest.

### Notable facts

- Arkansas is the only U.S. state with a diamond mine.
- The diamond shape is central to its state flag.
  - The diamond represents Arkansas as the only diamond-producing state.
  - The four blue stars stand for the three nations that have held Arkansas (Spain, France, and the Confederacy).
  - The word 'Arkansas' is placed inside the diamond on a white field.
  - The blue border represents the United States.
  - The flag was officially adopted in 1913.
  - One star was later added above the name to represent Confederate states.

### Seal deep dive

#### diamond

A white diamond centered on a red field.

Meaning: Arkansas as the only diamond-producing state in the U.S.

#### stars

Four blue stars inside the diamond and twenty-five white stars on the blue band around it.

Meaning: Arkansas as the 25th state, with the four large stars representing major sovereignties

#### lettering

The word 'ARKANSAS' displayed within the diamond.

Meaning: Clear identification and emphasis on state identity

### Vexillology notes

Design type: Emblematic diamond flag  
Complexity: 6/10  
Readability: 7/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.