

Delaware State Flag

First State • Capital: Dover • Statehood: 1787

Overview

A buff diamond on blue, within it the state coat of arms: farmer, soldier, ox, wheat and ship. Beneath is the date 1787, when Delaware became the first to ratify the Constitution. Buff and blue echo the colours worn by George Washington's troops.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1913-07-24
Designer: Legislative adoption
Ratio: 2:3
Buff diamond on colonial blue field with coat of arms and December 7, 1787 date.

Colors

#7BAFD4

#F5DEB3

#FFD700

#008000

Symbolism

buff and blue	Colors of George Washington's Continental Army uniform.
coat of arms	Features farming, shipping, and liberty.
date 1787	Marks Delaware as the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Historical timeline

- 1787: Delaware became the first state to ratify the Constitution.
- 1913: Flag officially adopted.

Notable facts

- Delaware is the first state of the Union.
- The flag's buff and blue echo Revolutionary War uniforms.
- Delaware and Arkansas are the only state flags built around a diamond.
- The date 1787 marks Delaware's ratification of the U.S. Constitution.
- The coat of arms represents Delaware's agricultural and maritime heritage.
- The colors were chosen to honor General George Washington.
- The flag was officially adopted in 1913.
- Delaware's flag is one of the few state flags that includes an exact four-to-three ratio.

Seal deep dive

blueField
A colonial blue field serving as the background of the flag.
Meaning: With the buff diamond, the colors of General George Washington's uniform.

diamond
A buff diamond centered on the flag.
Meaning: Often linked to Delaware's old nickname, the Diamond State.

stateSeal
The Delaware state seal placed inside the diamond.
Meaning: Agriculture, defense, commerce, and the state's foundational values.

date
The date 'December 7, 1787' displayed below the diamond.
Meaning: Delaware becoming the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal within geometric emblem

Complexity: 8/10

Readability: 4/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.