

Belarussian Symbols



The Belarussian flag was officially adopted in 1995. The dominant red and green colours were used on its flag when it was a republic of the former Soviet Union. The woven fabric on the left of it uses Belarussian traditional red and white colours.



When the Belarussian group came to HANOR in 2017 they brought a selection of traditional braid which they weren't able to use at the camp so they left it with me: Belarussians use symbols in many ways. The braid has been used for pin cushions, needle cases, Friendship knots, which have been given as small gifts or to raise funds to support ABG (The Association of Belarussian Guides). One was recently used on the new Trefoil collecting bags. It was thought an appropriate decoration as the main use for the bags will be at the annual Thinking Day Service. Pat Lloyd, County President, did the sewing.



The main pattern symbolises the Rising Sun in ancient mythology. Figures to left and right symbolise prosperity and wealth. The 2 x-shaped lines with 4 dots in between signify the land under crop. The central pattern is also known as the key to happiness as it signifies events developing. Lines in between 4 rectangles going through the middle of the pattern a wish fulfilment. The braid is also used on Belarussian dolls.

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