

Choosing a Flag and Flag Care

Flag Sizes and Costs

Flags are produced commercially in five sizes ranging from a “one yard” to a “three yard” size. It is traditional to manufacture flags in yards, but occasionally nowadays metric measurements are used.

The main measurement is along the top of the flag. The length is usually twice the breadth, that is, the vertical dimension of the flag. Although the two yard size is the most common, the choice of the flag size will depend on a number of factors. The height of the flagpole and whether the staff is set on a building must be taken into account, and the flag should be in proportion to its setting. As a general guide allow one yard of flag for each ten feet of staff.

Weather conditions also need to be considered. The Flag should not be lowered because of bad weather. Smaller “storm flags” can be used when wind speeds are expected to exceed 48 knots. Large flags are more suitable for calm days or ceremonial occasions.

Table and car flags are available in a “6 x 3 inch” size. These should be used with appropriate masts and stands, or mountings.

Sewn or printed flags are manufactured in durable polyester bunting. Cheaper printed flags are also available in a polyester knit fabric. Flag prices range from about \$26 — \$154 (1985).

To find a flag supplier in your area, look in the Yellow Pages of your local telephone directory, under “Flags and Bunting”.

Folding and Storing the Flag

The following diagrams show the correct way to fold the flag.

1. *Start like this.*

