

The Flag of South Korea

The design of South Korea's flag was taken from the Chinese yin and yang symbol. The background of the flag is white and in the center there is a red and blue taeguk {or "Yin and Yang"}. The top half {red} represents the Yin and the bottom half {blue} represents the Yang.

Each of the four corners has four black trigrams. The four trigrams represent Taoist ideas about the universe: balance, circulation, harmony, and symmetry. The trigrams are also said to represent Heaven {three unbroken lines top left}, Earth {three broken lines lower right}, Fire {lower left} and Water {upper right}. The white color of the background represents "cleanliness".

