

# **Designing Floral Art For Canada Day**



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**Canada Day  
Is July 1st**



# What Exactly Is Canada Day?

Canada Day is the Canadian equivalent of the American July 4th. It is Canada's Birthday. Canada Day was called Dominion Day for many years.

It marks the July 1st anniversary of the British North America Act of 1867 uniting Britain's North American colonies of that time into one country. It is celebrated on July 1st.



# Why Florals For Canada Day?

Why florals for Canada Day? Floral designing reflects human culture. If we can mark important life cycle events and holidays with floral product and floral art, then any holiday becomes something that can be celebrated and made special with floral media. Florals for Canada Day can shape space and help create a special atmosphere. Whether your celebration of Canada Day is patriotic, or simply to enjoy a little rest and relaxation, we hope that you find these various creations fun and inspirational.





**Some Symbols  
And Colors For  
Canada Day....**



# **Some Symbols And Colors For Canada Day....**

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| <b>Canadian Flag</b> | <b>Red and White</b> | <b>Moose</b>      |
| <b>RCMP</b>          | <b>Beaver</b>        | <b>Hockey</b>     |
| <b>Inuksuk</b>       | <b>Eh?</b>           | <b>Maple Leaf</b> |

Symbols are images, or icons that represent more than what would be immediately obvious in the symbol. The icon of an apple with a bite out of the side is widely recognized as the symbol of a great computer and technology company---Apple. So too there are a number of symbols that can represent Canada and things Canadian.... Here are but a few...many of which we used. I am sure that there are many additional ones that could be incorporated into floral art with a Canada Day theme.....



# The Canadian Flag

The Canadian flag is one of the most easily recognized symbols of Canada in the world.

Many folks are surprised to find that it is a relatively recent symbol as it was adopted on Feb 15, 1965.

More than 2000 designs were submitted for the Canadian national flag.

I think that this was a great choice.





## **Red and White**

King George V approved red and white as Canada's official colors in 1921. However the use of red and white crosses was found historically on banners by France and England. How appropriate that both colors come together as Canada's official colors.





## Maple Leaf!

The maple has long been associated with sweet maple sap and native North Americans were quite aware of this. Still there is additional ample historical precedence of the maple leaf being used as a Canadian symbol from the 1800s to the present. In particular Canadian military badges featured this symbol in both world wars.





# Moose!

To our knowledge the moose is not an official symbol of Canada, but apparently there are enough of these amazing creatures up there to make it an 'unofficial' symbol. Besides which we think they are cute.









## **Eh?**

A very common expression found in Canadian English, making sure the other person is paying attention and/or seeking consensus. As in... That's a wonderful movie, eh?

This phrase is often lampooned but we respect it and consider it endearing.

Consider my reality.....

As a Bostonian with a Dad born in Boston and a Mom born in Canada, the following is how I speak.

“I need to paaak my caahhhhh, eh?”



# **RCMP--The "Mounties"**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are the national police force in Canada. Definitely recognized by one and all as Canadian!





# Beaver

European explorers found that although North America didn't provide the spices that they were seeking, it did have other attractive natural resources.

One major one was the beaver. This cute little rodent donated many a pelt for the demand for European fur hats.

Most beavers are grateful that tastes in hats have changed.

A very cool symbol indeed.





**Same Design--  
Different Symbols**



Notice the  
same design  
but altering the  
symbols.





# Various Combinations



None of these possibilities are mutually exclusive. We can mix maple leaves and flags, red and white colors with a moose, etc.



**Gallery of  
Floral Designs To  
Commemorate  
July 1st: Canada Day**

























































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