



The City of Douglas' new flag design celebrates its rich cultural heritage, natural landscape, and enduring community values through intricate symbols that honor the history, geography, and spirit of the city and its people.

## Outer Circle

### Symbols in the Outer Circle:

1. **Family:** Emblematic of the community's strong family values and the close-knit bonds cherished by Douglas residents.
2. **Water Droplets:** Three droplets symbolize the transformative monsoon rains, which bring life to the vegetation and uplift the community's spirit.
3. **Creosote Bush:** This plant, which emits a distinct scent before rainfall, captures the nostalgia and local knowledge of the region's monsoon season, a part of Douglas' heritage. Additionally, the creosote bush symbolizes resilience, as it thrives in harsh desert conditions, representing the strength and endurance of the Douglas community.
4. **Pine Tree:** The pine tree represents native plant life and symbolizes growth, continuity, and the deep-rooted heritage of the Douglas community. Douglas has its very own native pine tree named Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*).
5. **Bulldog:** As the mascot of Douglas High School, the bulldog is a symbol of community pride, representing loyalty and tradition under the motto, "Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog."
6. **Copper Pick:** A homage to the second oldest rivalry in the United States, commemorated by the Pick game against Bisbee High School, which is celebrated on one of the nation's oldest fields.
7. **Guitar/Music:** Represents the role of music in uniting the community through song and dance, reflecting the joy and cultural vibrancy shared in Douglas.

## Central Circle

At the heart of the flag, the central circle presents symbols that illustrate the foundations and distinctive achievements of Douglas:

1. **Smelter Smokestacks:** In the early 1900s, Douglas, Arizona, was home to two copper smelters that played a central role in the city's economy. The first, the Calumet and Arizona Company Smelter, was built in 1902 and became a key competitor to the Phelps Dodge Corporation. The second, the Copper Queen Smelter, operated from 1904 until 1931. In 1931, Phelps Dodge acquired the Calumet and Arizona Company and renamed the smelter the Douglas Reduction Works, solidifying its place as the town's main industry. The smokestacks of this historic smelter, symbols of Douglas's industrial heritage, were dismantled in 1991.
2. **Cow, Lamb, and Chicken:** These icons represent the city's ranching heritage and ongoing agricultural contributions.
3. **Military Helmet:** Honors the deep respect for military service and the strong presence of veterans within the community.
4. **Airplane:** An outline of the Emigh Trojan A2 model, manufactured at the Bisbee-Douglas International Airport, symbolizes Douglas's rich aviation history. Notably, Douglas was home to the first international airport in the United States, highlighting its unique role in connecting communities across borders and advancing early aviation.
5. **Baseball Player:** This symbol commemorates the remarkable achievement of the 1958 Douglas Copper Kings, who made baseball history with a record-breaking game in which every starting player hit a home run. This incredible feat not only showcased the talent of Douglas's players but also cemented a proud and rich baseball heritage for the city.
6. **D Hill:** Positioned below these symbols, D Hill is a distinctive geographical landmark that signifies community identity and lights up nightly using solar power thanks to community pride led by the Rotary Club.
7. **Train:** Positioned atop D Hill, it is a symbol of the fundamental beginnings of the success of our town from the transportation of copper ore from the Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee.

## Center of the Crest

### Border Representation:

The innermost circle of the flag, with progressively smaller and more open lines, symbolizes Douglas' shared border with Agua Prieta. This element represents the community's sense of unity and connection with its neighboring city.

### Details within the Globe:

- **Two Arrows:** These arrows signify Douglas' role in global trade, emphasizing cross-border relations and trade with Mexico. The arrows are in the current colors of the city, further symbolizing Douglas' unique identity and pride.
- **Purple Heart:** The location of Douglas is marked with a purple heart within the globe, honoring its status as a Purple Heart Community.

This flag design is a visual narrative of Douglas' unique heritage, values, and enduring community ties, encapsulating both history and hope in its carefully chosen symbols.