

# CIV4 FLAG BUTTON MAKER – PHOTOSHOP TUTORIAL

Ok. So here's the method for making flag buttons ala civ4 style in Photoshop using Civ4 Flag Button Maker.

Of course you will need Photoshop and free plugin that allows to export to .dds

[http://developer.nvidia.com/object/photoshop\\_dds\\_plugins.html](http://developer.nvidia.com/object/photoshop_dds_plugins.html)

If you don't have it check the tutorial for Gimp (wich is freeware)

**First we choose nice flag of country we woul like use.**

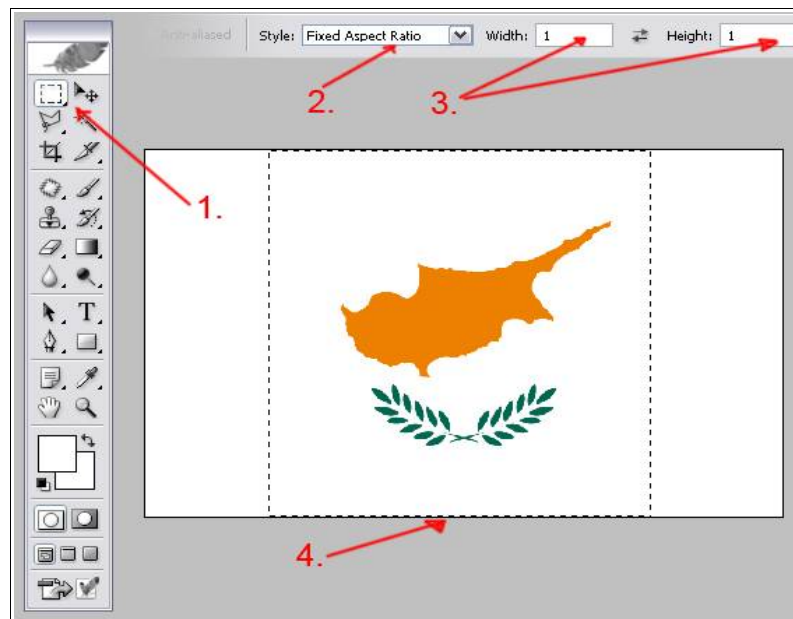
For example from Wikipedia (public domain – so you can use it without restrictions)

[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Flag\\_of\\_Cyprus.svg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Flag_of_Cyprus.svg)



**The next step is to select the square inside the flag and resize it to good size.**

1. Select Rectangular Marquee Tool
2. Change to Fixed Aspect Ratio
3. Choose Width and Height to 1 – so we make sure this way we select square
4. Draw square

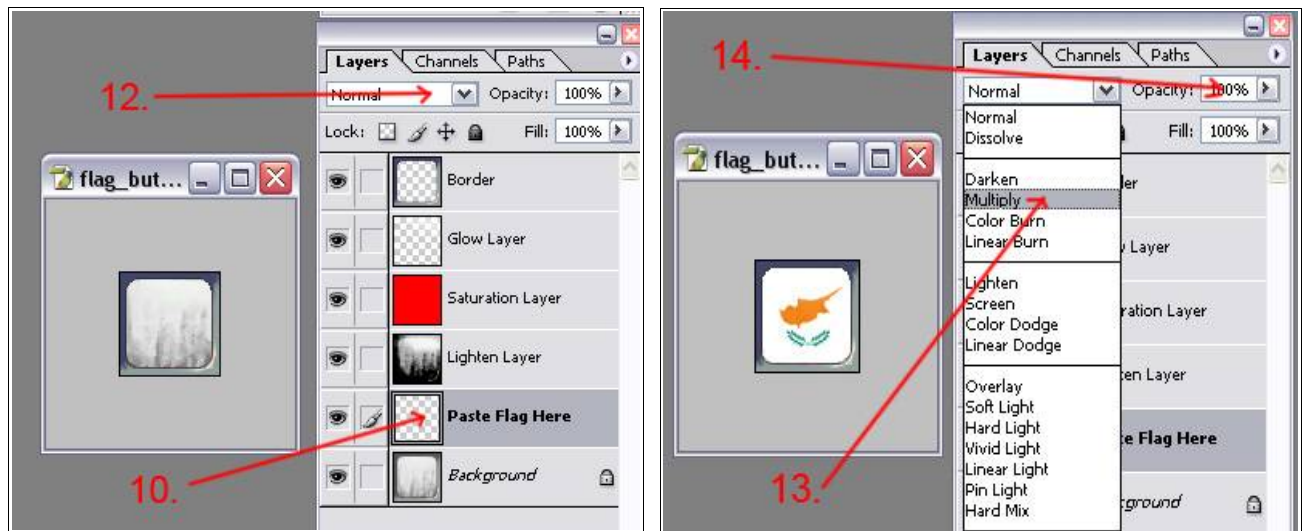


*Of course not always this method would be best. So it's recommended to make some tutorials about selections (wich are in abundant in web) or basic graphics.*

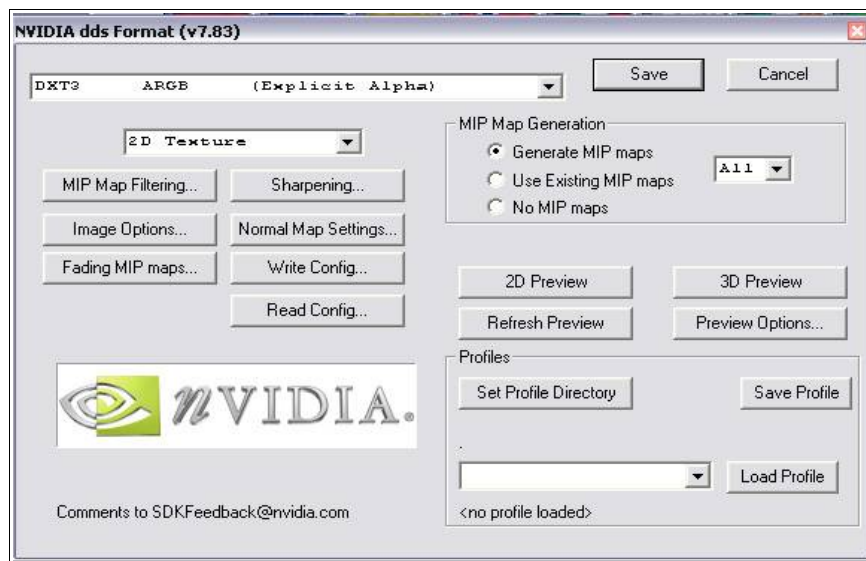
5. Copy the selection ("Ctrl" + "c" or Menu Edit / Copy)
6. Select Menu File / New... than hit ok.
7. Paste Selection ("Ctrl" + "v" or Menu Edit/Paste)
8. Go to Menu Image / Image Size and resize it to 56x56 pixels
9. Now select everything once again and copy.

## Working in Flag Button Maker

It's good when you know about using Layers in Photoshop – if not you may check for tutorials in internet. The main idea of buttonmaker are Layers wich will make your flag look ala Civ4 Style.



10. Make sure you have selected Layer Paste Flag Here
11. We need to paste resized Cyprus Flag Square (Menu Edit Paste or "ctrl" + "v")
12. Click on the selected with arrow area
13. And Choose Multiply
14. You may change value of Opacity (You can move also it in other Layers, but i think i choosed optimal values)
15. We need to save it now - File/Save as. Than Choose name and make sure you want to save it as .dds.
16. Click Save – New Window appear. Make sure you use this selections:



And the final result is:



Notice that it may differ a little bit from Civ4 Buttons (I tried to recreate it) – but it's very similiar to the buttons in Civ4.

