



20 Latin American Flags with Stands

These flags represent some of the countries that make up Latin America. To learn the story behind the flag designs, visit:

<https://wearemitu.com/things-that-matter/21-latin-american-flags-and-the-stories-behind-them/>

Caribbean—Five Piece Percussion Set

This set includes three shakers, maracas, and a jingle stick. Many genres of Latin music strongly emphasize the beat in the song. Sample any salsa, cumbia, bachata, or reggaeton song, and the beat will be the most important part. A strong beat makes a song easy to dance to!



Mexico—Lucha Masks (Set of Five)

Lucha, meaning “fight”, is the Mexican style of professional wrestling. This kind of wrestling is much more acrobatic and high-flying than its American or Canadian counterparts. You can see examples of Lucha or Lucha-inspired wrestling in many promotions such as Rey Mysterio or the Lucha House Party in WWE or the Lucha Brothers on AEW. For Luchadores, a code of honor exists surrounding the mask that wrestlers must follow. Outside of a mask vs. mask stipulation/match, a luchador attempting to remove an opponent's mask demonstrates a lack of honor and risks angering the crowd.

Peru—Chullo (Hat)



Commonly worn by people living in the Andes Mountains in South America, the chullo is typically made from alpaca, llama, vicuña, or sheep's wool. Staying warm in the chilly high altitudes makes the chullo, with the distinctive earflaps, an important garment. Different indigenous groups will wear specific styles or colors.

Dominican Republic—Domino Set

The game of dominos is popular worldwide, including throughout Latin America.



Mexico—Donkey Piñata

While piñatas are used in celebrations in many countries, they are most closely identified with Mexico. The Spanish brought a version of the piñata to Mexico when they colonized. Families love to get a piñata for large celebrations. The blindfolded players used a stick to hit the piñata, attempting to break it open. Once someone breaks it open, everyone races to collect the candies that fell out.

Bolivia/Peru—Panpipe

The siku (or zampoña in Spanish) is closely associated with Andean culture of the Aymaras and connect to the time of the Incan empire. You can find the history of the siku and musical samples at nativefluteswalking.com.



North/South America—Cornhusk Dolls

These cornhusk dolls are from Mexico, but every culture that grew maize had cornhusk dolls of their own. Maize is a staple in many Latin American cultures.

Global—Fútbol Cleat

Many Latin American countries, notably Brazil and Argentina, field highly competitive national teams that challenge for the top spot in the World Cup competition every four years. Many of the sport's best competitors are originally from Latin America, including Pelé, Maradona, Messi, and Ronaldo.





Dominican Republic—Baseball

Baseball remains popular in several Caribbean countries, especially the Dominican Republic. DR has the second highest number of players in Major League Baseball, behind the US, even though they only have 10 million people in their entire country! They can claim some of the greatest baseball players of all time. Pedro Martínez, Sammy Sosa, David Ortiz, and Robinson Canó are all Dominican players.

Latin America—Molcajete and Tejolote

This is the Mesoamerican version of a mortar and pestle. Usually made of basalt or volcanic rock, the surface is slightly rough, which makes it easier to grind the food. The molcajete seasons as it is used. This gives a distinctive flavor to the salsas and other foods made in it.



Guatemala—Woven Bracelet, Worry Doll, and Quetzal

These items, donated by the Guatemalan Consulate, represent several important elements of traditional Guatemalan culture. Historically, weaving, was a critical skill for women and the distinctive colors and difficult patterns indicate the importance of woven garments. Based on Mayan tradition, children share their anxieties with the worry doll and then place the doll under their pillows. Overnight, the worry doll provides the necessary guidance for their troubles. The quetzal is the national bird of the country and is the name for Guatemala's currency. The quetzal possesses a central place in Mayan culture.





Dominican Republic—Demitasse cups and saucer (2)

These cups are designed to serve a kind of coffee called espresso. Coffee is grown in several places throughout Latin America and the Dominican Republic is a major producer. Like in most Caribbean countries, a great cup of coffee is valued in the Dominican Republic. The images on the cup speak to the wide range of ethnicity on the island.

Dominican Republic—Painted Ceramic Plate

This decorative plate's scene of a sunset over a beach is representative of what many DR residents see on their island in the Caribbean Sea.



Costa Rica—Parrot Whistle

The Central American country of Costa Rica is primarily lush tropical rainforest, an ideal habitat for a number of birds, including parrots. These beautiful birds would be a common sight for anyone from rural Costa Rica.

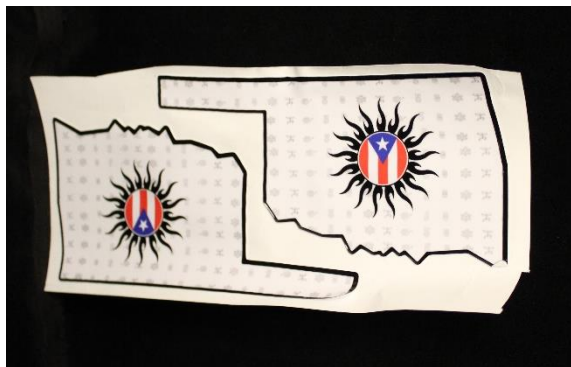


Peru—Cloth Woman and Child

This doll set shows the national costume of a Peruvian woman. The patterns, colors, and hat style are specific to geographic region and even village.

Honduras—Roatan Rattle

Roatan is an island off the northern coast of Honduras. It serves as a major tourist destination.



Puerto Rico Oklahoma—Decal Logo of Fundación Puertorriqueña PR En Oklahoma

This organization allows Puerto Ricans living in Oklahoma a central place to share information and organize activities with each other. They also fund a scholarship for Puerto Ricans students.

Puerto Rico—Frog Flag Fort Vase

This small souvenir shows the Coquí frog, the PR flag, and the Castillo San Felipe del Morro. This piece includes symbols from the different eras of Puerto Rican history. Millions of frogs populated the island prior to colonization, while the citadel was built under Spanish rule. The flag is the flag of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a territory of the United States.



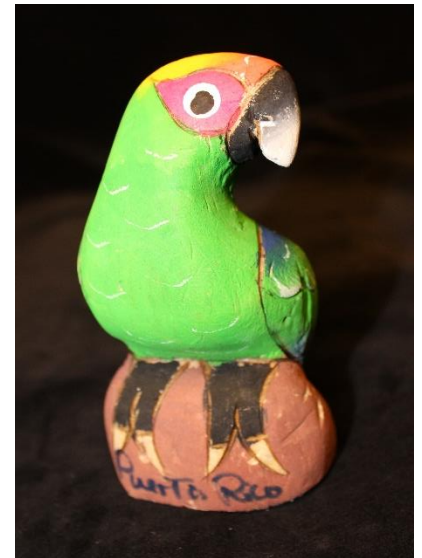


Puerto Rico—Castillo San Felipe del Morro

This small sculpture shows the citadel built by the Spanish on the northern coast of the island of Puerto Rico between the 16th and 18th century. It was built to defend San Juan, the capital, from nautical attack. It is called *El Morro* by Puerto Ricans.

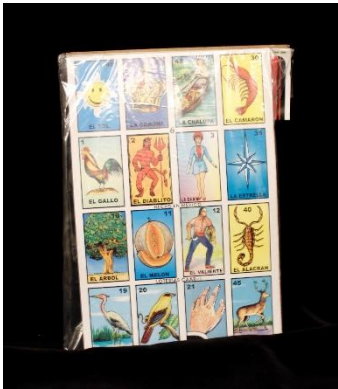
Puerto Rico—Parrot

Critically endangered today, the Puerto Rican parrot numbered in the hundreds of thousands at the beginning of the Colombian exchange. Today, largely because of deforestation, there are less than 30 Puerto Rican parrots living in the wild on the island.



Latin America—Ukulele

Many Latin American musical styles feature a wide variety of stringed instruments, including the ukulele. A good place to start an exploration of the ukulele in Latin America is the "World Tour" on ukulelelanguages.com.



Mexico—Lotería Cards

This game is very similar to bingo, except it uses usually a deck of cards to select the pieces. This is a very popular game both in Mexico and in the United States. An interesting way to explore the cultural importance of this game is to check out the Google Doodle about Lotería at <https://www.google.com/doodles/celebrating-loteria>.

Mexico—Jewelry Box, Turtle, and Doll

This box, doll and turtle are small items that can be purchased from indigenous artists in corner markets or plazas throughout Mexico.



Mexico—Market Bag

These are the small bags families take to do their daily shopping at the shops in the cities and towns of Mexico.

Mexico—Woven Basket

This is a coil-woven basket. These are sold in corner shops or stalls in a central market. There will be a wide variety of shapes and styles from which to select.





Mexico—Molinillo

This traditional wooden whisk is an important tool in a Mexican household, dating to the Aztec empire. The whisk is most well known as necessary for a proper cup of hot chocolate. Here is a recipe for the beverage:

<https://www.mamalatinatips.com/2016/10/traditional-mexican-hot-chocolate.html>

El Salvador—Toys and Bracelet

These items are representative of small toys for children made and sold throughout Central America. The bracelet uses the color of the flag to represent the nation.



Nicaragua—Fútbol Jersey

This top is part of the uniform for fútbol players. Today, the fabric would be lighter. Learn more about fútbol in Nicaragua here: <https://futbolnica.net/>

Nicaragua—Marimba Player Pen Holder

Creating small wooden crafts provide work and income for individuals with disabilities. The penholder shows a marimba player, a very important instrument throughout Central America. A quick search on the internet will allow you to hear what marimba music sounds like!





Nicaragua—Tiny Landscape

This small picture shows the geography of Nicaragua. The mountains in the background run through the center of the country. It also shows what small villages often look like.

Nicaragua—Carved Turtle

Because Nicaragua has so much coastline, sea turtles are regular visitors to the beaches. This wooden carving was created in a program for Nicaraguans with disabilities.



The Netherlands—Curacao maracas

Maracas are a common percussion instrument throughout Latin America. In addition to the independent countries throughout Latin America, many other countries control territories throughout the region. Curacao is an excellent example. It is an island off the coast of Venezuela, but it is controlled by the Netherlands. It is a tourist destination and is very notable for its brightly colored Dutch architecture.

Venezuela—Flag-Themed ceramic

This small ceramic shows several parts of the culture in Venezuela, including the colors of the flag, the traditional dress, and important musical instruments.



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Cuba—Rattle

This musical rattle shows an ocean scene that is common in the island nation.

Cuba—Woman with Hair Wrap and Basket

This small piece shows the traditional dress and head wrap commonly worn by Afro-Cubans.



Cuba—Seal

This piece is of a Caribbean monk seal. Their habitat includes Cuba.

Cuba—Wooden Pen with Flag

This pen shows the Cuban flag.





Cuba—*Nuestra Senora de la Caridad del Cobre*

The small key chain shows the patron saint of Cuba, the Lady of Charity. In Cuba, there is a major shrine to this saint at the Basilica of El Cobre.

Cuba—Cuban Flag Necklace

This small necklace features a version of the Cuban flag.



Books

A Kid's Guide to Latino History by Valerie Petrillo

In the Days of the Vaqueros by Russell Freedman

Guatemalan Rainbow by Gianni Vecchiato

The Mexicans in Oklahoma by Michael Smith

Vaqueros, Cowboys, and Buckaroos by Lawrence Clayton

Luca's Bridge by Mariana Llanos *Oklahoma Author

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan

The Only Road by Alexandra Diaz

Growing Up Pedro by Matt Tavares

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

100 Hispanic-Americans Who Shaped American History by Rick Laezman

Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes by Juan Felipe Herrera

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

Separate is Never Equal by Duncan Tonatiuh

Strike! by Larry Dane Brimner

Clemente! by Willie Perdomo

Garifuna ABC by Isidra Sabio

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Islandborn by Junot Diaz

Lola by Junot Diaz

Poesía Alada by Mariana Llanos *Oklahoma Author

DVDs

Latino Americans

Tales of Masked Men

Dolores

Latin Music USA

Walkout

Cesar Chavez

Brazilian Capoeira

CDs

The Very Best of Merengue

Reggaeton Superstars 2

Salsa Around the World

Cumbia Cumbia