## PATTERNS: The Cross

## Second in a Series on Patterns

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LATIN CROSS
ROMAN CROSS
PROTESTANT
CROSS
WESTERN CROSS
PLAIN CROSS
CRUX
ST. PETER'S
CROSS
SATAN'S CROSS

CRUCIFIX
CATHOLIC CROSS

We are probably most familiar with the cross in its simplest form: the Latin Cross. However, the cross symbol has many formats appearing in heraldry, freemasonry, and religion. Each format is interpreted many ways, and each change in format has multiple names and is interpreted to represent multiple ideas. This article will not explore those representations, as they could consume a large volume.
The cross was originally associated with executioners. When Emperor Constantine abolished execution by crucifixion in the $4^{\text {th }}$ Century, the cross transitioned into a symbol of the Christian religion. Cross symbols were used during the crusades and have played a major role in heraldry. When an image of Christ (corpus) is shown nailed to a cross, it is called a crucifix.

LATIN CROSS. Russian painted Papier-Mâché. NOT A PATTERN BUTTON


LATIN CROSS. Black glass. Etched. Paste OME


CRUCIFIX. Harry Wessel watch crystal. Design under glass set in copper rim. NOT A PATTERN BUTTON (belongs in Section ).


LATIN CROSS. Copper.

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 Weiser, Vicky Mayhall, Donnis Stoner, \& Carol TsubakiCrosses are grouped into four main groups: Crux Immissa, Crux Commissa, Crux Decussata and Crux Simples.

The Crux Simplex, being a simple upright post, does not have the transverse beam found on other forms. The ancient Greek word for stake is stauros (n) and stauroo (v). This simple post was common for crucifixions until the Phoenicians added a cross beam to make a crux immissa.

The crux simplex evolved from a tree - infelix lignum or arbor infelix dedicated to the gods of the nether world, a non-fruiting tree, unproductive, valueless, and therefore considered suitable for crucifying criminals. A common crucifixion method was to bind the condemned person's wrists to a beam (patibulum) and then attach that beam to a tree or stipe, thereby forming a cross (crux composita or crux acuta).
The Crux Commissa is a 'T' shaped cross; commissa meaning 'joined' or 'attached'. The more widely known names are the Tau Cross (St. Anthony's Cross) and the Forked Cross (Y-shaped Cross).

The Crux Decussata comes from decus, Latin for 'distinction', 'honour', 'glory' and 'grace'. The Roman numeral X is ten (decem). The Chinese and Japanese character for ten also happens to be a cross.


SALTIRE CROSS
BURGUNDY CROSS
CHI RHO CROSS
ST. ANDREW'S CROSS
ST. PATRICK'S CROSS
SALTIRE OR ST. ANDREW'S CROSSES.


CRUX COMMISSA EXAMPLES


OLD TESTAMENT CROSS ANTICIPATORY CROSS ADVENT CROSS COMMISSA CROSS COMMISSEE CROSS ST. ANTHONY'S CROSS
(above) FORCHE CROSSES. Black Glass with gold
luster.
White Metal


TAU CROSS. Tooled leather.

ANKH CROSS ANSATA CROSS EGYPTIAN CROSS

A looped Tau Cross and the Egyptian hieroglyph meaning 'life.'


Y-SHAPED CROSS YPSILON CROSS ANILLEE CROSS MOLINE, MILLRIND, or MILLRINE CROSS PALL CROSS


FOURCHE CROSS FURCA CROSS


ANKH CROSS. Above: Cork. Pyrography. Left: Pewter

Y-SHAPED
CROSSES. Inlaid pearl and abalone.
Black Glass set in metal. Vegetable



PATRIARCHAL CROSS ARCHBISHOP CROSS ARCHIEPISCOPAL CROSS TITULUS CROSS

Another form of PATRIARCHAL CROSS, this version with the second beam as a footrest


## PAPAL CROSS

POPE'S CROSS MARONITE'S CROSS
SALEM CROSS (Freemasonry)

EARLY PAPAL CROSS CATACOMB CROSS


CROSS OF LORRAINE LORRAINE CROSS DE GAULLE CROSS GAULLIST CROSS -characterized by two horizontal beams of equal length, equally spaced from the top and bottom.

BUDDED CROSS APOSTLES CROSS DISCIPLES CROSS TREFLEE CROSS TREFOIL CROSS BONTONEE CROSS BOTTONY CROSS CATHEDRAL CROSS

The top beam of these crosses represents the plaque bearing Pontius Pilate's inscription (INRI). The Latin for such a plaque is 'titulus'-thus these crosses are also known as Titulus Crosses.

The slanted lower beam represents a footrest.


The Crux Immissa has a horizontal beam inserted at right-angles to the upright post. Immissa means 'inserted." Another name for this cross is Crux Capitata, which means 'with a head'.
There are two variations of the dimensions for a cross-sublimes and humilis:

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CRUX SUBLIMIS - tall cross, where the victim was high off the ground. This would be used for people who had commanded a high rank in society (the Latin Cross, etc.)
CRUX HUMILIS - a low cross, where the victim's feet were close to the ground-the height and width are equal. To suit the shape and size of shields, heraldic crosses are often shown where the height and width are equal. (Most crosses appearing on buttons fall into this category.)

PORTATE CROSS ST. GILBERT'S CROSS


POMMEE CROSS. Glass, mirror back.


Purple dye on Ivory. Part of a Motiwala set.


LATIN CROSS.
Ceramic set in metal. Crown. Fabric with blued steel beads and yellow metal. Studio by Tom Horne.


PATRIARCHAL CROSSES (both are also "Budded" Crosses).
Top is gilt brass. Bottom is Enamel on Brass.


LORRAINE CROSSES. White Glass with black paint. White Glass with gold luster. Black Glass.

A Chrismon is a Christian symbol that represents aspects of the person, life or ministry of Jesus Christ. Most of the crosses in this article are Chrismons.

## CROSSES IN HERALDRY

Because every minute aspect of the cross is symbolic, and crosses are used extensively in heraldry, we shall follow this article with a second article focused on the "Cross in Heraldry" and introduce the terminology for the various cross attributes and representations.

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Top: GREEK, ST. GEORGE, OR KING GEORGE'S CROSS.
Left to Right: Rubber, brass, and fabric with glass beads.



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ARMENIAN CROSS
KHACHKAR CROSS
SIROUN CROSS

ENGRAILED CROSS
ENGRESLEE CROSS
INDENTED CROSS
-dimpled with

INVECTED CROSS PATERNOSTER CROSS PATERNASTER CROSS ROSARY CROSS

CROSS WITH A CROWN OF THORNS

FLEURIE or FLORY CROSS FLORETTY CROSS
FLEURETTE CROSS FLEURONNY CROSS (liliform ends)

ST. JAMES CROSS WARRIOR'S CROSS a Fleurie Cross with the lower part pointed (fitched)








EASTER CROSS. Bone. NOT A PATTERN (a pictorial object is included)



CANTONEE. Brass.


CALVARY CROSS. Pierced Bethlehem Pearl.


Carved Bethlehem Pearl. JERUSALEM CROSSES.
 pierced with cut steel OME.
 pearl sew-through with cut steel stars OME.


CROSS. Celluloid wafer.

2 central crosses and 4 ENHENDEE CROSSES (in the blue). Enamel

## CROSSLETTE

 Painted Wood with pearl OME.


FLEURY CROSS. Pewter.
Enamel. MOUSSUE CROSS.
FITCHY CROSS. Center blue shape.

ROUNDED or CONSECRATION CROSS. Black Glass.
(left)
RAYED CROSS. Yellow Metal.
(right)
CAROLINGIAN CROSS Black Glass with gold luster.


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In the following list, crosses that have been confirmed on buttons are highlighted. If you have buttons with any of the other types, please send a scan to the Editor (cjoy@gci.net) and we will update this listing.

## ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF CROSS TYPES

| A | Becket | Catacomb | Corpus | Eight Pointed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjuntas | Bendy | Cathar | Cossack | Eleanor |
| Adorned | Benedict | Cathedral | Couped | 日f |
| Advent | Benito | Catherine | comboy | Embattled |
| Agnus Dei | Bent | Catholic | Cradle | Empty |
| ADSS | Bethlehem Star | Ceadda | Crampon | Engrailed |
| Aiguise | Bezant | Celtic | Cramponnee | Entrailed |
| Alabama | Biker | Celtic Twirls | Crenel (Crenelle) | Epsilon |
| Aland | Biological | Cemetery | Crescent | Episcopal |
| Alban | Bird | Cenotaph | Crib | Equal-armed |
| Aderney | Bishop | Cercelee | Croissant | Equine |
| Addhelm | Black | Chad | Cronton | Ethiopian |
| Alisee | Black Death | Chain | Crosslet | Etoile |
| (Alaisee) | Blessing | Chalice | Crosstar | Evangelists |
| All Seeing Eye | Blue | Chapel | Grown | Everlasting |
| Alpha \& Omega | Bones | Charing | Croun of Glory | Eucharist |
| Atar | Bontonee | Cheape | crown of Thoms | Eureka |
| Ambulance | Bordered | Cheapside | Crucifix | Eye of Providence |
| Anarchist | Bottony | Cherubim | Crusader | Eyes Crossed |
| Anchor | Bowen | Chi Rho | Orystal | F |
| Andrew | Bourdonee | Chrismon | Oup | Fairy |
| Angel | Bread and Wine | Christ | Outhbert | Faith Healing |
| Angled | Brendan | Christ the Redeemer | gygnus | Fallen Soldier |
| Anglican | Brent | Christening | D | Falun Gong |
| Anillee | Bride | Christian | Danish | Faroe |
| Animal | Bridget (Bridgit, Brigit) | Christian Science | Dannebrog | Field Hospital |
| Ankh | Bridgeton | Christmas | David (Saint) | Flligree |
| Ansata | Brighid (Brigid, $)$ | Christogram | David (Star of) | Finland |
| Anthony | British | Church | Damn | Fingers |
| Anticipatory | British Methodist | Church in Wales | Death | Fimbriated |
| Apostles | Broken | Church of England | Decorated | Fiery |
| Apple | Bromey | Church of Finland | Decussata | Frst Communion |
| Archangel | Brounie | Church of the | de Gaulle | Fish |
| Archbishop | Budded | Netherlands | Degraded | Fishtail |
| Archiepiscopal | Buddhist | Church of Scotland | Demi-Sarcelled | Fitched |
| Arma Christi | BUGB | Church of Sweden | Denmark | Fagged |
| Armaments | Burgundy | Churchyard | Diagonal | Fame |
| Armenian | Burial | Gircle | Diamond | Flaming |
| Armorial bearings | Burning | Clackham | Dice | (Flamant) |
| Arms of Christ | Burning Bush | Claddagh | Disc | Flared |
| Arrow | Burundi | Clechee | Disciple | Fleur-de-lis |
| Asclepius | Butter | Clergy | Disiointed | Fleurie (Flory, |
| Astrological | Buying | derical | Dismembered | Floretty, |
| Asturias | Byzantine | Clement | Do-it-yourself | Fleurettee, |
| Aurora | C | Cloaked | Dolphin | Fleuronny) |
| Avellan | C of E | Cover | Dominica | Hower |
| Aureole | Cabled | Cof E | Dominican Republic | Folly |
| Australia | Cablee | Coat of arms | Double | Forgiveness |
| Ave Maria | Cablée | Cock | Double Crescent | Forked |
| Axum | caduceus | Column | Double Fitchee | Formy |
| B | Calvary | Coloured | Dove | Foss |
| Baby | Campaign | Commissa | DPP Taiwan | Fourche |
| Banbury | Cana | Commissee | Draped | Four-Leaf Clover |
| Banner | Candle | communion | Dream | Francis |
| Baptismal | Canterbury | Compostelan | Druid | Franciscan |
| Baptist Union | Cantonee | Confederate | Dunstable | Free French |
| Barbee (Barby) | Capiteau | Conqueror | E | Freemasons |
| Barcombe | Caravaca | Consecration | Earth | Free Methodist |
| Baroque | Cardinal | constantine | Easter | Fretted |
| Basque | Cardinham | Cooking Pot | Eastern Orthodox | Frettee |
| Battle | Carolingian | Coptic | Église Réformée de | Fruit |
| Battlefield | Carpenter | Corded | France | Funeral |
| Bayamón | Carthusian | Cordee | Egyptian | Furca |


| Fusilee | Hooked | Lalibela | Millrine | Pall |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fusils | Hope | Lamb | (Millrind) | Palm |
| Fylfot | Horseshoe | Lambeau | Minister (Clergy) | Papal |
| G | Horseshoe Nail | Lanquedoc | Mracle | Papua New Guinea |
| Gabriel | Hospital | Largest | Mission | Parasol |
| Gaelic | Hospitaller | Lauburu | Missionary | Pardon |
| Gamma | Hot Rod | Lapel | Methodist |  |
| Gammadion | Huguenot | Latin | Möbius | Fretted |
| Gammata | Humetty (Humettee) | Lazarus | Moline | Paschal |
| Garston | Hunts | Leaf | Monogram | Passion |
| Gaullist | , | Leaning | Montreal | Pastor |
| Gay | Iceland | Lebanese Forces | Moon | Paternoster |
| Geddington | Ichthys | Legs | Moravian Church | Patonce |
| Gemmata (Gemstone) | ICXC | Leprechaun | Morcín | Patriarchal |
| George | $\stackrel{1 \mathrm{HC}}{ }$ | Letters | Mother of God | Patrick |
| Georgia | IHS | Life | Mosaic | Pattee |
| Gerrards | Ikurina | Light | Mourning | Pattee Concave |
| German | $\frac{1}{\text { mmissa }}$ | Lightning Conductor | Moussue | Pattee Fitched <br> Pattee Inverted |
| Gillbert | Imp | Lily | Mystery | Pattee Inverted Paul |
| Glass | Inclined | Lincoln | N |  |
| Globus Cruciger | Infant | London | Nail |  |
| Gloriole | Infinity | Lord's Prayer | Natal | Peace |
| Glorious | Inhabited | Lorraine | Nativity | Pecten |
| Glory | $\underline{N R 1}$ | Lotus | Nautical | Pectoral |
| Glory Crown | Inscription | Love | Navette | Peñamellera Baja |
| Golden | Integrated | Low | Nazareth | Peronnee |
| Good Luck | Intending | Lozenge (Lozengy) | Nazi | Peter |
| Gondar | Interfaith | Lucky Charm | Nebulee | Petroc |
| Gospel | Interlaced | Lucky Four-Leaf | Necklace | Phos Zoe |
| Gothic | Invected | Clover | Neronic (Nero) | $\frac{\text { Piedmont }}{\text { Pierced }}$ |
| Grace | Inverted | Lucky Horseshoe | New |  |
| Graded | Ionic (Iona) | Lucky Horseshoe Nail | New Cross Gate | $\stackrel{\text { Pincers }}{ }$ |
| Grail | Irish | Luke | New Day | $\xrightarrow{\text { Pincer }}$ |
| Grantham | Iron | Lunate | New Jerusalem | $\frac{\text { Piran }}{\text { Pixie }}$ |
| Grapes and Wheat | IXOYE | Lutheran | NewZealand | Pixie |
| Grave | J | M | Nicholas | $\frac{\text { Plague }}{\text { Plain }}$ |
| Greek | Jains | Madeira | NIKA |  |
| Green | Jamaica | Malta | Nimbus | Pointed |
| Groningen | James | Maltese | Nordic | Poison |
| Guardian Angel | Jerusalem | Manii | Northern | Poltava |
| Guernsey | Jersey | Maria | Northampton | Pommee |
|  | Jesus | Marian | Norway | Pope |
| Hall Mary | Jesus Fish | Mariner | Nowy | Portate |
| Hakenkruis | Jewelled | Market | Nut | Portate Rayed |
| Halo | Jewish | Mark | 0 | Pot |
| Hammer | JHC | Maronite | Occitan | Potent |
| Hand-held | JHS | Marquise | Odin | Potent |
| Hannes | John | Marriage | Old Glory | Quadrate |
| Hans | Johannes | Marseille | Old Rugged | Prayer |
| Hardingstone | Jolly Roger | Mary | Old Testament Cross | Presbyterian |
| Hatton | Julian | Mascle, | Olga | Presbyterian Church of |
| Healing | K | Mascly | Olive Branch | Australia |
| Heart | Kamon | Masonic | Onch | Presbyterian Church |
| Heraldic | Key of the Nile | Matthew | Onk | (USA) |
| Herm | Khachkar | Maypole | Orange | Processional |
| Hermes | King's | Medal | Orb | Proclamation |
| High | Kirby | Medical | Order of Christ | Protestant |
| Hindu | KKK | Medicine | Ordinaria | Providence Eye |
| HIV | Knotted | Memorial | Orkney | Purple |
| Holly | KuKluxKlan | Mercy | Orthodox | Puzzle |
| Holy | Kutsuma | Messianic | Other |  |
| Holy Ghost |  | Michael | Our Father | Quadrate |
| Holy Spirit | Labarum | Midi-Pyrénées | Oyster | Quarter Pierced |
| Holy Trinity | Ladder | Midsommarstang | P | Quarterly |
| Homosexual | Lado | Mlitary | Pagan | Pierced quebec |

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| Queen leanor | Sea shell | St. Nicholas | Triparted | Wooden |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R | Sebastian | St. Olga | Triparted | Woolton |
| Ragged | Seeing Eye | St. Patrick | Fleurie | World |
| Ragulee | Seraphim | St. Paul | Triple | World's Tallest |
| Railway | Serenity | St. Peter | Triple-beamed | wreath |
| Rainbow | Serpent | St. Petroc | Triple moons | X |
| Raphae | Seven Greek | St. Piran | Triquetra | $\underline{x}$ |
| Rayed | Crosses | St. Sebastian | Triskele | $\underline{X P}$ |
| Rebel | Shamrock | St. Valentine | Triumphant | $\bar{Y}$ |
| Rebated | Shell | Staff | Trononnee | Y -shaped |
| Recercelee | Shepherd | Stained Glass | True | Yellow |
| Reclining | Shetland | Stamford | Twisted | Ypsilon |
| Red | Shieldknot | Star | Two-beamed |  |
| Red Ribbon | Shrouded | Stations | U |  |
| Redeemer | Sigla | Stary | Ukraine |  |
| Reed Scepter | Sign of the + | Staurogram | Umbrella |  |
| Regeneration | Simplex | Stauros | Union Flag (Jack) |  |
| Relic | Siroun | Stepped | Unitarian |  |
| Reliquary | Sitges | Stipe | United Episcopal |  |
| Resistance | Sixteen- | Stone | Church of North |  |
| Rest in Peace | Pointed | Stony Stratford | America |  |
| Resurrection | Skåneland | Straw | United Kingdom |  |
| Rho | Skull and crossbones | Suffering | United Methodist |  |
| Ribbon | Slanting | Sun | Upside Down |  |
| Rifle | Slavic | Sunrise | Upsilon |  |
| Ring | (Slavonic) | Suavastika | Urdee (Urde, |  |
| Rio de Janeiro | Slovakia | Swan | Urdy) |  |
| RIP | Snake | Swastika |  |  |
| Risen | Snowflake | Sweden | Vairy |  |
| Rising Sun | Sobrescobio | Suiss | Valdivian |  |
| Roadside | Solar | T | Valentine |  |
| Robber | Soldier | 'T shaped | Vauxhall |  |
| Robed | Southerm | Tabletop | $\frac{\text { Verses }}{\text { Verry }}$ |  |
| Rockabilly / Rock'n'Roll | Sparkling | Talisman | Verry |  |
| Roman | Spear | Tall | Vert |  |
| Rood | Spider | Tallest | Vepsia |  |
| Rooster | Spiky | Taranis | Victoria |  |
| Rope | Spinning | Tattoo | $\underline{\text { Vking }}$ |  |
| Rosary | Splayed | Tau | Viree |  |
| Rotating | Sponge | Templar | Viree |  |
| Rounded | Sprite | Tenerife | Virgin Mary |  |
| Rugged | Square | Tetraskelion | Vision |  |
| Russian | St. Albans | Teutonic | Voided |  |
| Orthodox | St. Adhelm | Thief | $\underline{\text { Votive }}$ |  |
| S | St. Andrew | Thomas Becket | W |  |
| Sacred Heart | St. Anthony | Thor | Wales |  |
| Sacrifice | St. Benedict | Thorns | Waltham |  |
| Sailor | St. Brendan | Three | War |  |
| Saint's (see below) | St. Brighid (Brigid, | Threeebeamed | Warrior |  |
| Salem | Bridget, Bridgit, | Three-dimensional | Wavy |  |
| Saltire | Brigit) | Three moons | Wayside |  |
| Samoa | St. Bride |  | Weapon |  |
| San (see also St. below) | St. Catherine | Thunder | Wedding |  |
| San Andres | St. Ceadda |  | Welsh |  |
| Sanctuary | St. Chad | Tomoe | Western |  |
| Santa Claus | St. Clement | Tonga | WestcheapWestem |  |
| Santa Cruz de Mompox | St. Cuthbert | Torch | Wheat and Grapes |  |
| São Paulo | St. David | Totenkopf | Wheel |  |
| Sarcelly | St. Francis | Toulouse | White |  |
| Sardinia | St. George | Tournee | Wine and Bread |  |
| Satan | St. Gilbert |  | Minged Tattoo |  |
| Scallop | St. Hannes | Treflee | Whshing |  |
| Scepter | St. Hans | Trefoil | $\underline{\text { winess }}$ |  |
| Scourge | St. James | Triangle | Woburn |  |
| Scottish | St. John | Tribal | woden |  |
| Seaman | St. Julian | Trinity | Wolf |  |

