



1951 - A Century of the Cuban Flag - 1¢
Edifil 445CH
 10,000 sheets printed



1951 - A Century of the Cuban Flag - 10¢
Edifil 448CH
 3,000 sheets printed

Cuba CENTROS DE HOJA



1951 - A Century of the Cuban Flag - 2¢
Edifil 446H
 20,000 sheets printed

The Cuban flag was created by Narciso in 1849, and put together by Emilia Tolón. The Cuban flag's origins date from 1849, when various movements to liberate Cuba from Spanish rule emerged, mainly among Cuban exiles in the United States. Anti-Spanish Cuban exiles under the leadership of Narciso López adopted a flag suggested by the poet Miguel Teurbe Tolón. His design incorporates three blue stripes, representing the sea that surrounds the island of Cuba, and two white stripes symbolizing the purity of the patriotic cause. The red triangle stands for the blood shed to free the nation, which is placed where the star is, symbolizing the sky turned red from the blood shed in battle. The white star in the triangle stands for independence. López carried this flag in battle at Cárdenas (1850) and Playitas (1851). Although Lopez was not victorious, this was the first instance of the flag being raised in Cuba.