The Betsy Ross Flag was designed in 1776 during the American Revolution. A circle of 13 Stars, representing the original colonies is set in a Blue Square. The Square Union is what differentiates this flag from all others.

For quilting purposes, the size of the Flag is determined by the width of the stripe (A)

**ADD SEAM ALLOWANCE TO ALL MEASUREMENTS**

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<th>Stripe - A</th>
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Measurements have been rounded to the nearest 1/4 inch.
Step 1: Decide on the size of your stripe and finished flag.
Step 2: Cut strips of fabric desired width plus your preferred seam allowance.
    7 Red Stripes and 6 White Stripes
Step 3: Starting with the top Red Stripe add alternating White and Red Stripes.
Step 4: When 7 Stripes have been sewn together – Press and Measure –
Step 5: Cut Blue Square Union to desired measurement adding preferred seam allowance.
Step 6: Attach circle of 13 stars using your favorite appliqué method.
Step 7: Add Square Union of Blue to left side of Stripes – Press and Measure –
Step 8: Continue adding 3 White Stripes and 3 Red Stripes
Step 9: Press and Measure then Trim to desired length.
Step 10: Quilt and Bind

**NOTE** Consider binding the Flag in the following manner.
**Because you don’t want to interfere with the Stripes and The Union at the edges of The Flag, bind using the backing fabric of the quilt. Attach binding fabric to edges using the usual seam allowance. Turn back the seam allowance so that all of the binding is behind the quilt. Sew down by hand.***

The images that accompany this pattern show a Flag made with an assortment of Red, Creamy Whites and Blue fabrics.

Stripes were assembled in the following way:
Step 1: Cut 2 1/2 strips of Red fabric
   **Consider using strips 20 inches long as full width strips can be difficult to control**
Step 2: Sew strips together – press flat. -
Step 3: Turn sewn strips sideways and cut 2 inch strips across.
Step 4: Sew strips together end to end until desired length is achieved.

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Step 5: Sew 2 strips together in a brick pattern.

Step 6: Stripe will now measure 3 1/2 inches, when sewn in Flag it would give you a 3 inch stripe. If your flag requires a narrower stripe, trim both sides to desired width.
   ***Don’t forget to add seam allowance.***
THE UNION

Using 2-1/2 inch strips of assorted Blue Fabrics, follow Steps 1 thru 6 for making brick pattern stripe. Trim Brick pattern stripe to same widths as Red & White Stripes. Make 7 Blue Stripes.

Step 7: Sew 7 Blue Stripes together to make Union. Trim to desired measurement. Step 8: Applique 13 Stars onto Union using the placement guide below.