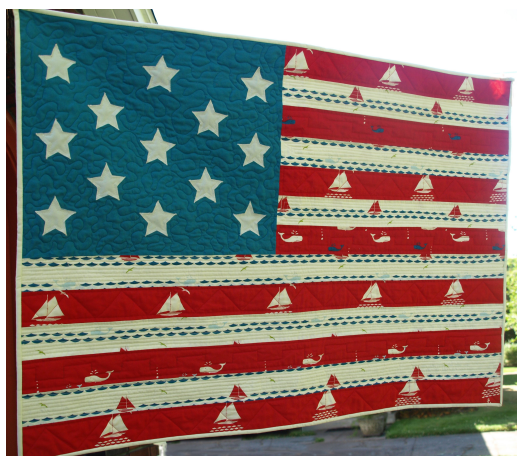




Quilted American Flag



This quick and easy project makes for a stunning 4th of July decoration or a special gift for your favorite veteran. The arrangement of stars is inspired by one of the original U.S. flags. I used prints from Birch's Set Sail collection along with Birch's Teal and Cream. The Teal and Cream give this flag a beautiful vintage look.

The finished wall hanging measures 40 1/2" x 29 1/2".

Materials

- 16" x 16" piece of Heat N Bond fusible adhesive
- One fat quarter of solid blue (Birch Teal)
- 1/2 yard of solid white for the stars, binding and hang tabs (Birch Cream)
- 3/4 yards of two red prints (1/4 yard of Birch's Whale Watch Apple and 1/2 yard of Birch's Into the Sunset Apple)
- 1/2 yard of a white print (Birch's Set Sail Cream)
- 1 yard of fabric for backing
- 1/4 yard of (Birch's Cream)
- 45" x 35" piece of cotton batting

Cutting

From the red prints, cut the following:

Three 41 1/2" x 2 3/4" strips

Four 22" x 2 3/4" strips

From the white print, cut the following:

Three 41 1/2" x 2 3/4" strips

Three 22" x 2 3/4" strips

From the solid blue:

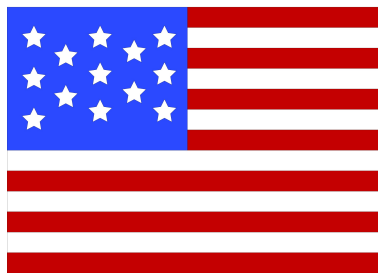
Cut a 19" x 16" rectangle.

From the solid white:

Cut a 3" wide width of fabric strip.

Fuse the Heat N Bond to the strip following the manufacturer's instructions. Cut out 13 stars with the template provided.

Cut four 2 1/2" width of fabric strips for the binding and hang tabs.

Sewing

1. Arrange the stars onto the blue rectangle following the diagram above. Once you are happy with the arrangement, iron on the stars following the Heat N Bond instructions.
2. Using a tight zig zag stitch, sew the edges of the stars to reinforce the bond.
3. Following the diagram above, sew the long red and white strips together, alternating red and white strips. Press the seams open.
4. Sew the short red and white strips together. Press the seams open.
5. Sew the blue rectangle with the stars to the short red and white strips and press the seam open.
6. Sew the above piece to the long red and white strips and press the seam open.

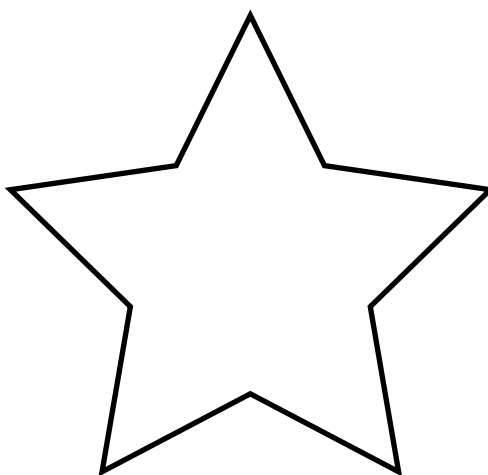
Quilting and Binding

1. Layer the flag top on the batting and quilt backing.
2. Baste with pins, thread or basting spray.
3. Quilt the flag as desired.
4. Square up the flag.
5. Sew the binding strips together on the diagonal and trim to a 1/4" from the seam.
6. Cut two 2 1/2" pieces of the binding for the hang tabs.
7. Fold the hang tab strips in half and then fold the raw edges towards the center fold.
8. Fold the tab in half and pin to the top of the flag and inch from the corners.
9. Sew the binding on to the flag with your preferred method.

Congratulations! You are all done.

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American Flag Star Template



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