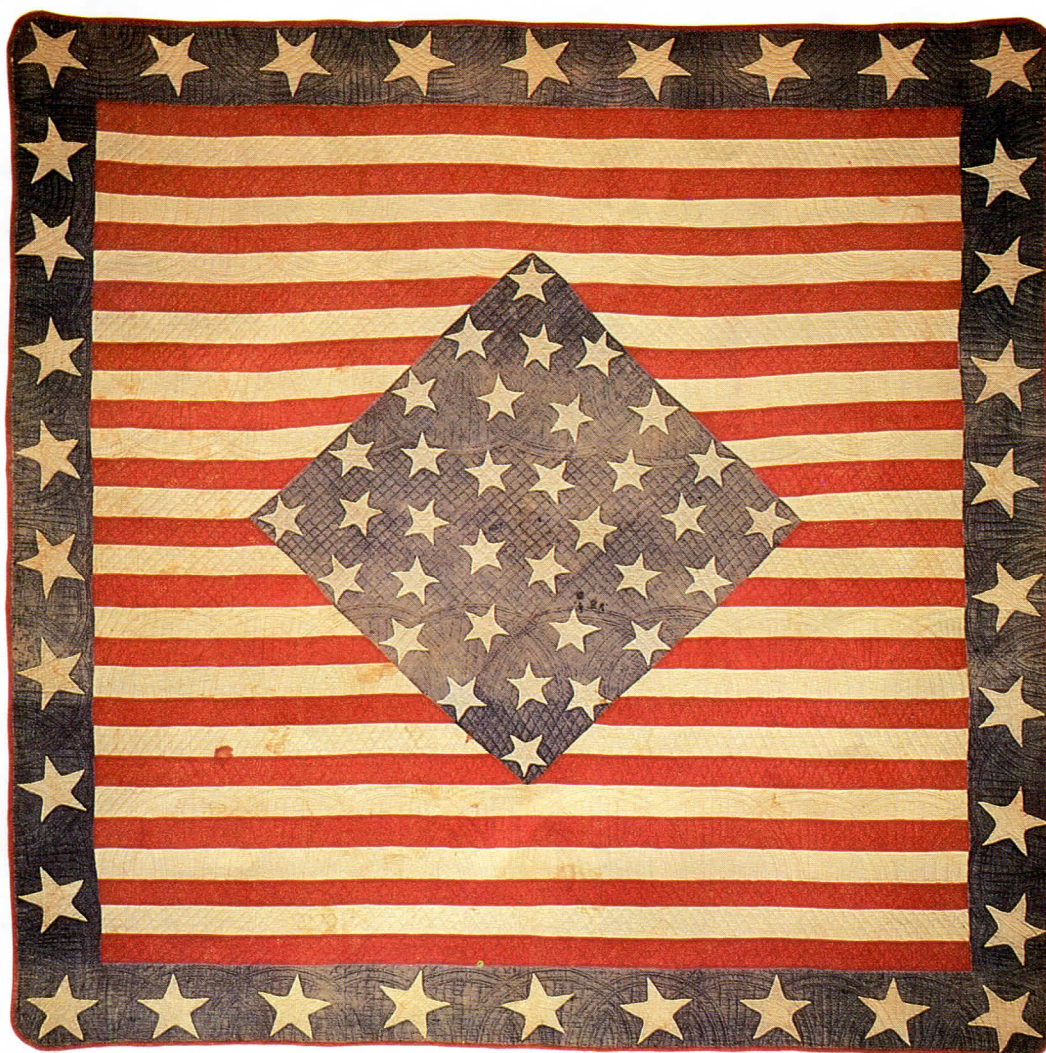


## STARS AND STRIPES QUILT



Cotton top and lining. Cotton fiber filling.

86 × 87 inches

Mary Rockhold-Teter of Noblesville, Indiana, made this quilt during the Civil War, when patriotic symbols were much on the minds of Americans. The design, adapted from the American flag and named Stars and Stripes, appeared in the July 1861 issue of *Peterson's Magazine*, a women's periodical published in Philadelphia.

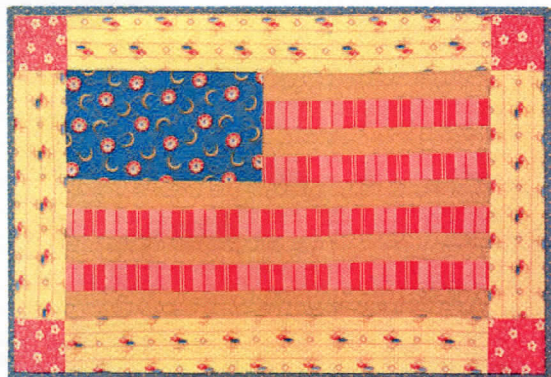
Thirty-four stars are appliquéd in the center, representing the number of states in the Union from July 4, 1861, until July 4, 1863. The same number of stars are appliquéd around the border.

Mary made the quilt for her son, George, a Union soldier. In the quilting she included his name, the names of Generals Scott and Taylor under whom he served, "Genral Lyon," the president of the United States as "Abe" and "Ab Lyncoln," the word "Cat," and the year, 1861. Written in ink on the lining is "Geoge Teter."

*She was of a family of strong, patriotic Revolutionary stock, and inherited a willingness to do and to labor that the country might grow. Her grand-father was Capt. John Rockhold, a native of Pennsylvania, who served in the War for Independence. Her father, Joseph Rockhold, moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1800. He was a captain in the War of 1812. This trait of patriotism was one of the strongest in the character of Mrs. Teter. During the late war she showed her great love for the soldier boys in many ways, aiding in every way she could to encourage and help in the country's peril.*

Obituary of Mary Rockhold-Teter, 1897



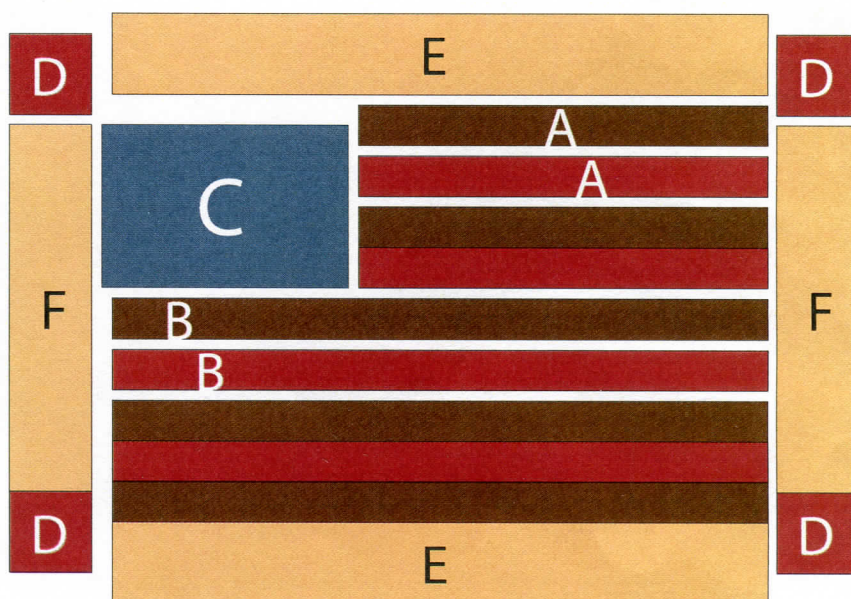


Finished **quilt** 13" x 19"

Unit	Color	Cut Size
A	2 red and 2 gold	Cut 1½" x 8½" strips
B	2 red and 3 gold	Cut 1½" x 15½" strips
C	1 blue	Cut 4½" x 7½" rectangle
D	4 red	Cut 2½" square cornerstones
E	2 print	Cut 2½" x 15½" strips
F	2 print	Cut 2½" x 9½" strips

## Assembly

- Sew red and brown (A's) together as shown
- Sew red and brown (B's) together as shown
- Join (A) row set to (C) as shown
- Join (A-C) set to (B) set to complete flag
- Sew (E) units to top and bottom
- Join 2 (D's) to ends of each (F). attach to sides to complete top





## Betsy Ross 5-Point Star

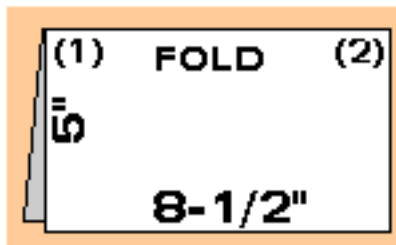
George Washington's original pencil sketch for the flag indicated 6-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred.

Betsy Ross, however, recommended a 5-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion.

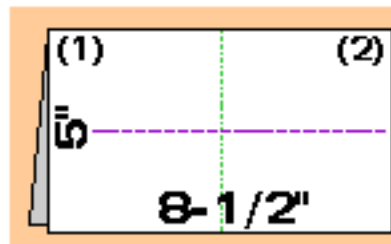
To you we pass along the secret...

Take a thin piece of paper  $8\frac{1}{2}" \times 10"$  (or an exact proportion thereof), fold it as indicated and cut yourself a perfect 5-pointed star.

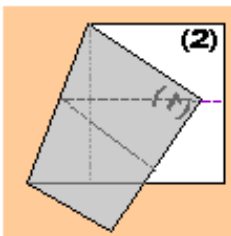
Thanks to the Betsy Ross House for providing these instructions.



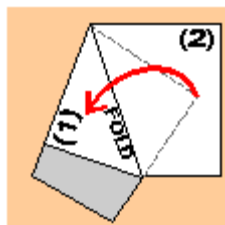
**Step 1.** Fold an  $8\frac{1}{2}" \times 10"$  piece of paper in half.



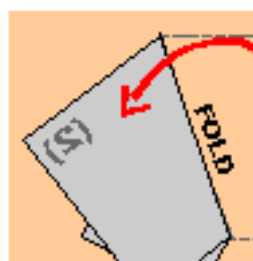
**Step 2.** Fold and unfold in half both ways to form creased center lines. (Note: be sure paper is still folded in half.)



**Step 3.** Bring corner (1) right to meet the center line. Be sure to fold from the vertical crease line.



**Step 4.** Bring corner (1) left till edges coincide, then make the fold.

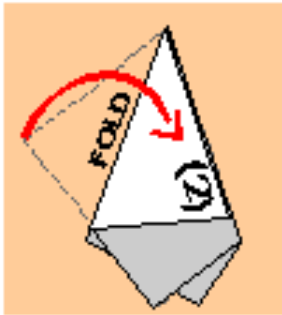


**Step 5.** Bring corner (2) left and fold.




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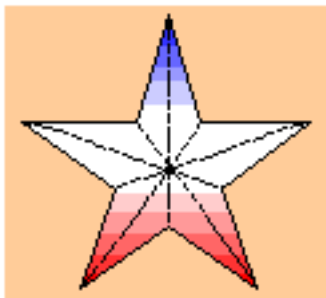
## Betsy Ross 5-Point Star<sub>-cont..</sub>



**Step 6.** Bring corner (2) right until edges coincide. Then fold.



**Step 7.** Cut on the angle as shown in the picture. Then unfold the small piece.



**Step 8.** Marvel at your perfect (we hope!) 5-pointed star! If your star is not perfect, take a fresh piece of paper (8-1/2" x 10" — not 8-1/2" x 11") and return to Step 1