

# Pattern for Lap Size American Flag Quilt Top

SIZE  
76" x 59"



## Choosing your fabrics

This quilt requires several different red, white and blue fabrics to create the “patchwork” effect. Decide what shades of the colors you want for your quilt. Bright colors and white will create a very bold quilt, whereas brick reds and/or burgundy shades, dark blues and/or grayish blues along with off-white or tan will create more of an old fashioned look. When choosing colors, prints will work the best and make for a more interesting pattern. Listed below are fabric and supplies needed.

- You need 5 different red fabrics: 1/3 yd. of each
- You need 5 different white or off-white fabrics: 1/3 yd. of each
- You need 5 different blue fabrics: 1/4 yd. of each
- Fabric for your first border: 1 1/8 yd.
- Fabric for a second border: 1 1/4 yd.
- Neutral color thread, Pins, Iron and an ironing board
- Cutting mat, rotary cutter, and a ruler **-OR-** a ruler, pencil, and scissors
- Finishing supplies (backing, batting, and binding)

## Cutting the Pieces

- Use a ruler and a rotary cutter, or a ruler to draw straight lines with a pencil, then scissors to cut with to ensure straight and even cuts. Cut all strips selvage to selvage.
- Get a blank piece of paper so you can staple a small piece of each fabric to it and mark the letter label next to it. Label the 5 different reds A, B, C, D and E. It does not matter which red gets which letter. Label the 5 whites or off-whites A, B, C, D, and E. Label the 5 blues A, B, C, D, and E. Label the first border F, the second border G, and the third border H. While sewing and following the directions you can refer back to these pieces to help you remember what the different fabrics are labeled.
- Start with the red fabric. Do these steps for each of the 5 red fabrics.  
Cut 3 strips 2.5” wide for each of the red fabrics A, B, C, D and E. Set 2 of the 3 strips aside. With the remaining strip, cut it into 3.5” pieces, so you have rectangles that are 2.5” x 3.5”.
- Next cut the white or off-white fabrics.  
Cut 3 strips 2.5” wide for each of the white or off-white fabrics A, B, C, D and E. Set 2 of the 3 strips aside. With the remaining strip, cut it into 3.5” pieces, so you have rectangles that are 2.5” x 3.5”.
- Next cut the blue fabrics.  
Cut 2 strips 2.5” wide for each of the blue fabrics A, B, C, D, and E. Set 1 of the 2 strips aside. With the remaining strip, cut it into 3.5” pieces so you have rectangles that are 2.5” x 3.5”.
- Cutting the first border: Cut 6 strips 5.5” wide. Cut 2 of the strips in half.
- Cutting the second border: Cut 7 strips 5.25” wide. Cut 1 of the strips in half.

# American Flag Quilt Top Kit

## Instructions

Finished size of the quilt top will be approximately 76" x 59"

## Sewing and seam allowances

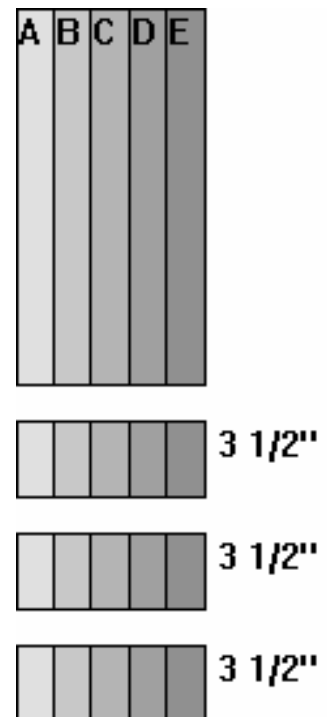
Sew an accurate and consistent  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance throughout the quilt. To make this easier, use a presser foot with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " edge so you can line up the edges of the fabric with the side of the presser foot. You may also use a magnetic seam guide placed on the metal plate under the presser foot to help guide the fabric. When sewing use a small stitch, at least 14 to 15 stitches per inch. This way you do not need to backstitch. Before you start sewing, take off the top piece of each fabric A, B, C, D, and E red, white, and blue. Leave the letter labels on them and set them aside. You may not need these pieces to complete the quilt top. While sewing and following the directions you can refer back to these pieces to help you remember what the different fabrics are labeled.

## Pressing

Strips or pairs are sewn right sides together. Before opening, lay the strips flat and lightly press to set the seam. Then open and press seam allowances to one side. Make sure there are no folds at the seam line. Turn over and press the reverse side and check that the seam allowances are pressed in the right direction.

## Getting Started

1. Start with the red strips labeled A, B, C, D, and E. Sew strip A to strip B right sides together along one of the long sides. Press seam allowances toward strip A. Sew strip C to the long open edge of strip B, right sides together. Press seam allowances toward strip B. Sew strip D to the long open edge of strip C, right sides together. Press seam allowances toward strip C. Sew strip E to the long open edge of strip D, right sides together. Press seam allowances toward strip D. When done, this should look similar to the figure to the left. All seam allowances should be pressed in the same direction. Cut the length of this finished piece into 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Use a ruler and marking pen or a rotary cutter to ensure straight and even cuts. Stack and set these pieces aside.
2. Repeat step 1 with the other set of red strips.
3. Repeat step 1 with the 2 sets of white strips.
4. Repeat step 1 with the set of blue strips.



## Assembling The Rows

5. Sew 5 of the red ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together, connecting the end of one piece (fabric E) to the beginning of the next piece (fabric A). You should have one long row 25 pieces long. The edge with fabric A will be referred to as the beginning of the row. The edge with fabric E will be referred to as the end of the row. Press seam allowances in the same direction of the ones that are already pressed. Sew one of the small 2.5" x 3.5" pieces of red fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Then add a small piece of red fabric D to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowances the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric C to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together and pressing seam allowances in the same direction of the others. Your finished row should be 28 pieces long, and look similar to the figure below. To keep track of which row this is, pin a small piece of paper labeled #1 to this row. You should put the label on the beginning of the row so you can also keep track of which direction the row will go when putting them together.



6. Follow the same procedure as in step 5 only this time use the white pieces, and label it #2.
7. Sew 5 of the red ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowances in the same direction as the other ones. Sew one of the small pieces of red fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowances in the same direction. Sew one of the small pieces of red fabric B to the END of the row, right sides together. Press the seam allowances in the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric C to the END of the row, right sides together and pressing seam allowances the same direction. Your finished row should be 28 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #3.



8. Follow the same procedure as in step 7 only this time using white pieces, and label it #4.
9. Sew 5 of the red ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right side together. Press seam allowances to the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowances in the same direction. Sew one of the small pieces of red fabric D to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press the seam allowances in the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric A to the END of the row, right side together. Press seam allowances the same direction as the others. The row should be 28 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #5.



10. Follow the same procedure as in step 9 only this time using white pieces, and label it #6.

- 11.** Sew 2 of the red ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowances in the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowances the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric D to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowances the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric C to the BEGINNING of the row, right side together. Press seam allowances the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric B to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowances the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 15 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #7.



- 12.** Follow the same procedure as in step 11 only this time using white pieces, and label it #8.

- 13.** Sew 2 of the red ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowances the same direction. Sew a small piece of red fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric B to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric C to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric D to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 15 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #9.



- 14.** Follow the same procedure as in step 13 only this time use white pieces, and label it #10.

- 15.** Sew 2 of the red ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowances. Sew a small piece of red fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric D to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric C to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of red fabric B to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 15 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #11.



- 16.** Follow the same procedure as in step 15 only this time use white pieces, and label it #12.

17. Sew 3 of the red ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowances. This row should be 15 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #13.



18. Take 1 of the blue ABCDE pieces and sew a small piece of blue fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right side together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric D to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric C to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric B to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of fabric B to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric C to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric D to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 13 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #7.



19. Follow the exact same procedure as in step 18 using blue pieces again, and label it #12.

20. Sew 2 of the blue ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric B to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 13 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #8.



21. Follow the exact same procedure as in step 20 using blue pieces again and label it #13.

22. Sew 2 of the blue ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric D to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric C to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 13 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #9.



- 23.** Sew 2 of the blue ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric B to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric C to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 13 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #10.



- 24.** Sew 2 of the blue ABCDE pieces along the short edges, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric E to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric D to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. Sew a small piece of blue fabric A to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance. This row should be 13 pieces long and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #11.



- 25.** Sew the END of red row #7 to the BEGINNING of blue row #7, right sides together. Press seam allowance. The label on the blue portion of the row can be removed.
- 26.** Sew the END of white row #8 to the BEGINNING of blue row #8, right sides together. Press seam allowance. The label on the blue portion of the row can be removed.
- 27.** Repeat with rows #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.
- 28.** Lay out the rows by number on a large table or the floor, right sides up. This should look like an upside-down flag. Fold row #1 over row #2, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #1. Fold row #3 over row #4, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #3. Fold row #5 over row #6, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #5. Fold row #7 over row #8, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #7. Fold row #9 over row #10, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #9. Fold row #11 over row #12, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance.
- 29.** Lay out the rows by number again. Fold the row 1 & 2 piece over the 3 & 4 piece, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge. Press seam allowance the same direction as the others. Fold the 5 & 6 piece over the 7 & 8 piece, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge. Press seam allowance. Fold the 9 & 10 piece over the 11 & 12 piece, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge. Press seam allowance.

- 30.** Lay out the rows by number again. Fold the 1, 2, 3, 4 piece over the 5, 6, 7, 8 piece, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge. Press seam allowance. Fold the 9,10,11,12 piece over the #13 piece, right sides together, matching the top edge. Sew along the long top edge. Press seam allowance.
- 31.** Lay out the 2 big pieces by number again. Fold the 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 piece over the 9,10,11,12,13 piece, right sides together, matching the top edge. Sew along the long top edge. Press seam allowance. The main body of the quilt is now done.

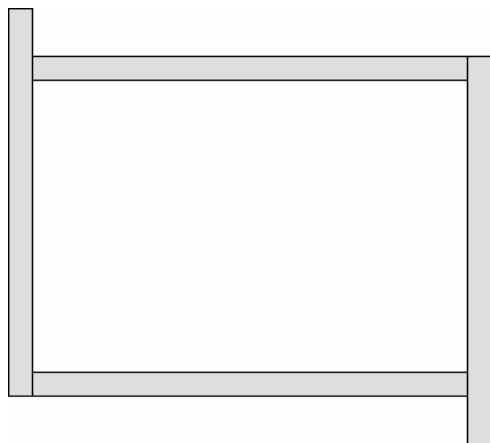
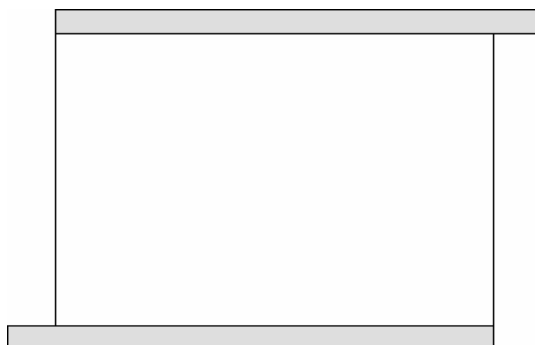
## SEWING THE BORDERS

- 32.** Take border fabric F. Sew together 1 long piece and 1 short piece right sides together to make one long piece as shown below. Press seam to one side. Repeat three more times with the remaining border fabric F, so you have a total of 4 of these pieces.



- 33.** Sew the border F to the flag right sides together as shown, along the top and bottom edges. Press seam allowance toward the border.

- 34.** Trim the excess border fabric to make it straight and even with the edge of the flag.



- 35.** Sew the border F to the flag right sides together as shown, along the side edges. Press seam allowance toward the border.

- 36.** Trim the excess border fabric to make the edge straight and even.

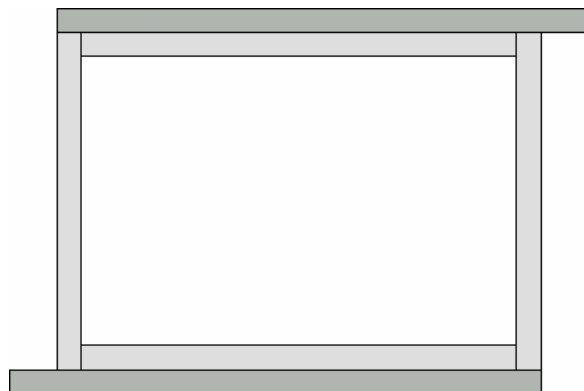


- 37.** Take border fabric G. Sew together 2 long pieces, right sides together, to make one very long piece as shown below. Repeat, so you have a total of 2 of these pieces.

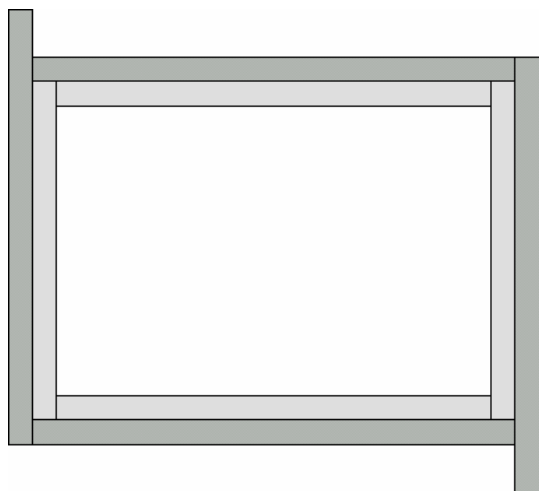


- 38.** Sew these pieces to the flag right sides together as shown, along the top and bottom edges. Press seam allowance toward the border.

- 39.** Trim the excess border fabric to make the edge straight and even.



- 40.** Sew together 1 long piece and 1 short piece of border fabric G, right sides together, to make one long piece as shown. Press seam to one side. Repeat so you have a total of 2 of these pieces.



- 41.** Sew these pieces to the flag right sides together as shown, along the side edges. Press seam allowance toward the border.

- 42.** Trim the excess border fabric to make the edge straight and even. Your finished quilt top will measure approximately 76" x 59".

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