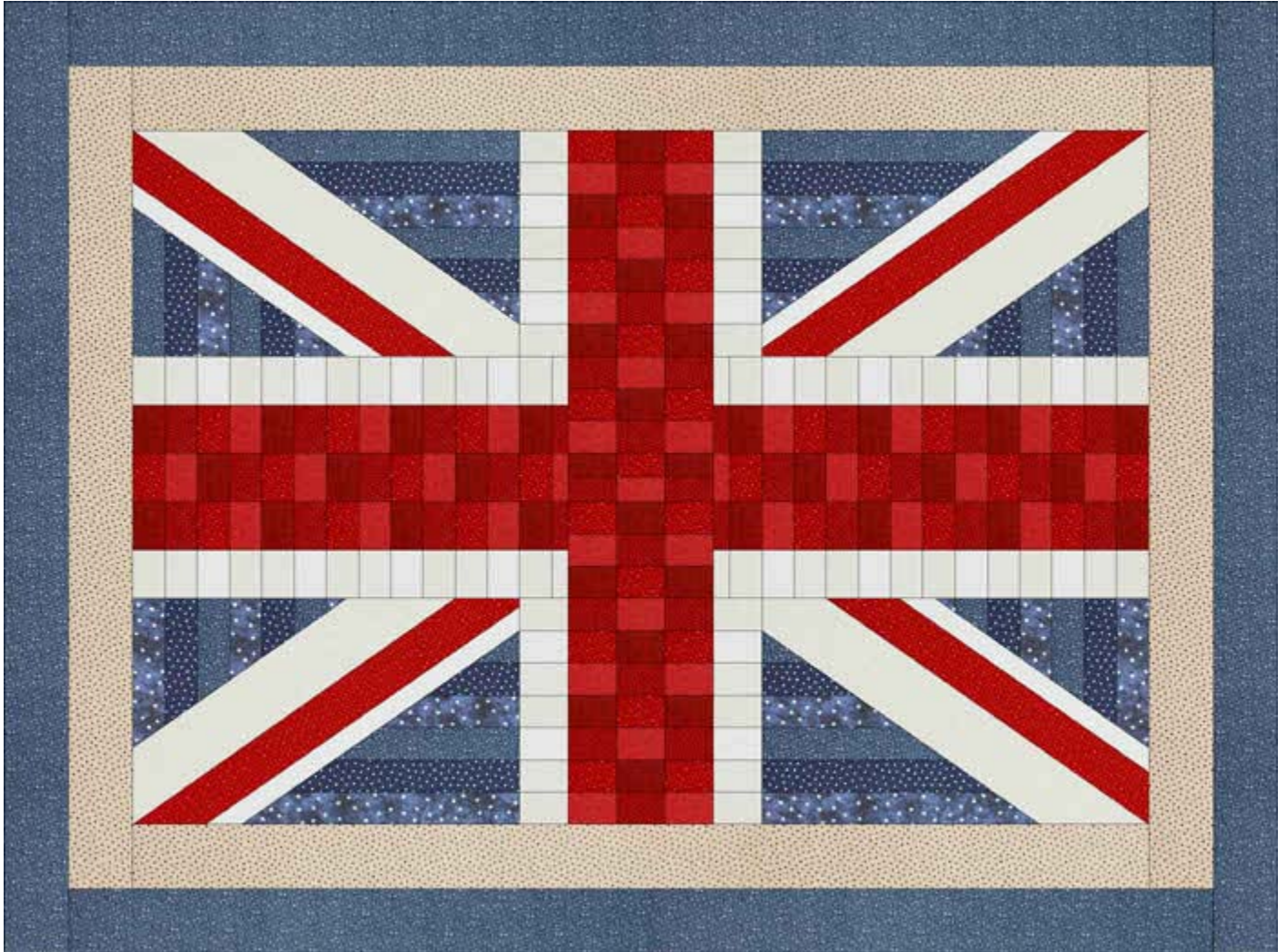


British Flag Lap Size Quilt Top Pattern

SIZE
79" 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 4 different red fabrics: 1/2 yd. of three of them, 7/8 yd. of one of them
- You need 3 different blue fabrics: 1/2 yd. each
- You need 3 white or off-white: 1/3 yd. of two of them, 1 1/8 yd. of one of them
- Fabric for your first border: 1 yd.
- Fabric for a second border: 1 yd.
- Coordinating color thread, Pins, Iron and an ironing board
- 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.
- Finishing supplies (backing, batting, and binding)

Cutting the Pieces

- 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 4 different reds A, B, C, and D. The red fabric with the larger cut gets letter A, and for the other 3 red fabrics it does not matter which fabric gets which letter. Label the 3 different whites E, F, and G. The white with the larger cut gets letter E. Label the 3 different blues H, I, and J. Label the first border N, and the second border O. The K, L, and M labels will be needed later. 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 fabrics (A, B, C, and D):
 - Cut 4 strips 2 1/2" wide for each of the fabrics A, B, C, and D. Cut 1 of the strips of each fabric in half.
 - With fabric A only, cut 4 strips 3 1/8" wide. Label these pieces L.
- Next cut the white fabric E:
 - Cut 3 strips 2 1/2" wide. Set 2 of the 3 strips aside. Cut the remaining strip in half. Take one of the halves and cut the length of it into 3 1/2" pieces so you have rectangles that are 2 1/2" x 3 1/2". Set the other half aside.
 - Cut 4 strips 4 3/8" wide. Label these pieces K.
 - Cut 4 strips 1 3/4" wide. Label these pieces M.
- White fabric F:
 - Cut 3 strips 2 1/2" wide. Set 2 of the 3 strips aside. Cut the remaining strip in half.
- White fabric G:
 - Cut 2 strips 2 1/2" wide.
- Blue fabric H:
 - Cut 5 strips 2 1/2" wide. Set 4 of the 5 strips aside. Cut the remaining strip in half.

- Blue fabric I:
 - Cut 4 strips 2 ½" wide.
- Blue fabric J:
 - Cut 5 strips 2 ½" wide. Set 2 of the 3 strips aside. Cut the remaining strip in half.
- Cutting the first border: Cut 6 strips 4.5" wide. Cut 2 of them in half.
- Cutting the second border: Cut 7 strips 4.25" wide. Cut 1 of them in half.

British Flag Quilt Top Kit

Instructions

Finished size of the quilt top will be approximately 79" 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.

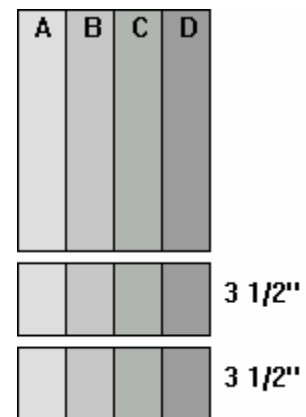
Pressing

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.

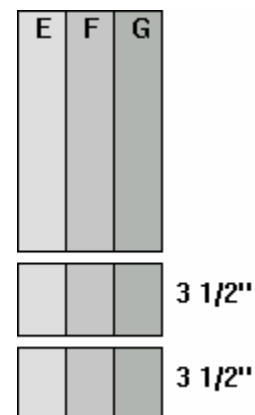
Getting Started

1. The fabrics labeled A through J, there are long strips, some have short strips, and some also have $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. When beginning to sew, leave the sticker letter labels on at least one piece of the fabric it goes to. Later you will be moving them to another piece.

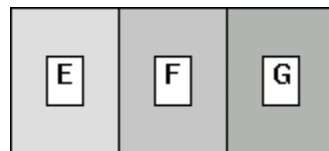
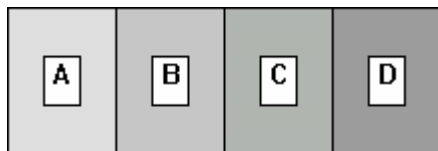
2. Start with the long red strips labeled A, B, C, and D. Sew strip A to strip B right sides together along one of the long sides. Press seam allowance toward strip A. Sew strip C to the long open edge of strip B, right sides together. Press seam allowance toward strip B. Sew strip D to the long open edge of strip C, right sides together. Press seam allowance toward strip C. 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. Repeat with the other 2 sets of long red strips.



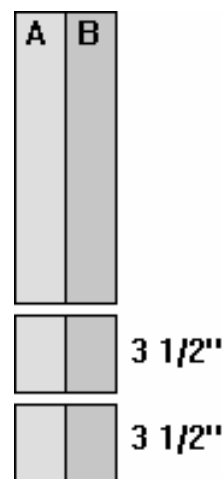
3. Take the long white strips labeled E, F, and G. Sew strip E to strip F right sides together along one of the long sides. Press seam allowance toward strip E. Sew strip G to the long open edge of strip F, right sides together. Press seam allowance toward strip F. Cut the length of this finished piece into $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Stack, and set aside. Repeat with the other set of long white strips.



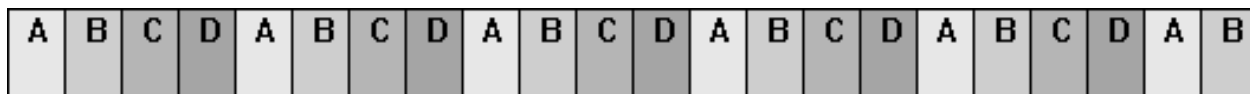
4. Take one of the red ABCD 3 1/2" pieces. Take the sticker letter labels off of the stacks of red fabric and stick them on the coordinating fabrics on this ABCD piece, as pictured below. Repeat with a white EFG 3 1/2" piece. You may not need these pieces to complete the quilt top. Set these pieces aside and use them while sewing and following the directions so you can refer back to these pieces to help you remember what the different fabrics are labeled.



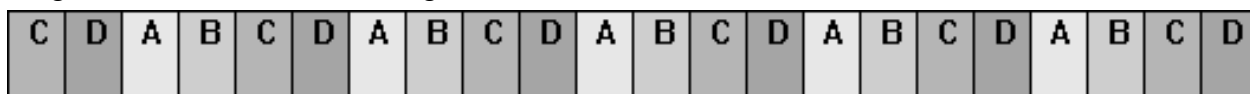
5. Take the short red strips A and B. Sew strip A to strip B right sides together along one of the long sides. Press seam allowance toward fabric A. Cut the length of this finished piece into 3 1/2" pieces. Stack and set these pieces aside. Repeat with the short red strips C and D, pressing seam allowance toward fabric C. Cut, stack, and set aside. Repeat with the short white strips E and F, pressing seam allowance toward fabric E. Cut, stack, and set aside.



6. Sew 5 of the red ABCD pieces along the short edges, right sides together, connecting the end of one piece (fabric D) to the beginning of the next piece (fabric A). You should have one long row 20 pieces long. The edge with fabric A will be referred to as the beginning of the row. The edge with fabric D 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 AB pieces to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Your finished row should be 22 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. Repeat this procedure 1 more time and label this one row #3.



7. Sew 5 of the red ABCD pieces along the short edges, right sides together, connecting the end of one piece (fabric D) to the beginning of the next piece (fabric A). You should have one long row 20 pieces long. Sew one of the CD pieces to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Your finished row should be 22 pieces long, and look similar to the figure below. Label this row #2.



8. Lay out these 3 rows as shown.

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| A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B |
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9. Fold row #1 down over row #2, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #1. Lay out again, and fold the 1,2 piece over onto row #3 matching the top edge. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance in the same direction. You may remove the labels, but save them for later. Fold this large piece directly in half from right to left, right sides together. It should be folded at the very middle seam. Stitch this edge a second time, but this time sew $\frac{3}{4}$ " away from the EDGE. Press open. Lay this large piece aside for now.
10. Sew 3 of the red ABCD pieces along the short edges, right sides together, connecting the end of one piece to the beginning of the next piece. Sew one of the CD pieces to the BEGINNING of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Your finished row should be 14 pieces long, and look similar to the figure below. Repeat until you have a total of 4 of these pieces. Label two of them row #2 and label the other two row #4.

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| C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D |
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11. Sew 3 of the red ABCD pieces along the short edges, right sides together, connecting the end of one piece to the beginning of the next piece. Sew one of the AB pieces to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Your finished row should be 14 pieces long, and look similar to the figure below. Repeat so you have a total of 2 of these pieces. Label them both row #3.

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| A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B |
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12. Sew 4 of the white EFG pieces along the short edges, right sides together, connecting the end of one piece (fabric G) to the beginning of the next piece (fabric E). You should have one long row 12 pieces long. The edge with fabric E will be referred to as the beginning of the row. The edge with fabric G 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 EF pieces to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Your finished row should be 14 pieces long, and look similar to the figure below. Repeat so you have a total of 4 of these pieces. Label two of them row #1 and label the other two row #5.

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| E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F |
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13. Lay out one set of the row 1-5 as shown.

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| E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | | Row 1 |
| C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | | Row 2 |
| A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | | Row 3 |
| C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | | Row 4 |
| E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | G | E | F | | Row 5 |

14. Fold row #1 down over row #2, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #1. Fold row #3 down over row #4, right sides together, matching edges. Sew along the long top edge, and press seam allowance toward row #3. 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. Lay out the rows by number again. Fold the 1, 2, 3, 4 piece over row #5, right sides together, matching the top edge. Sew along the long top edge. Press seam allowance. Repeat this same process with the other set of rows 1-5.

15. Trim exactly one inch off of the very end of both of these large pieces as shown. Label both of these pieces MIDDLE. Set these two large pieces aside for now.

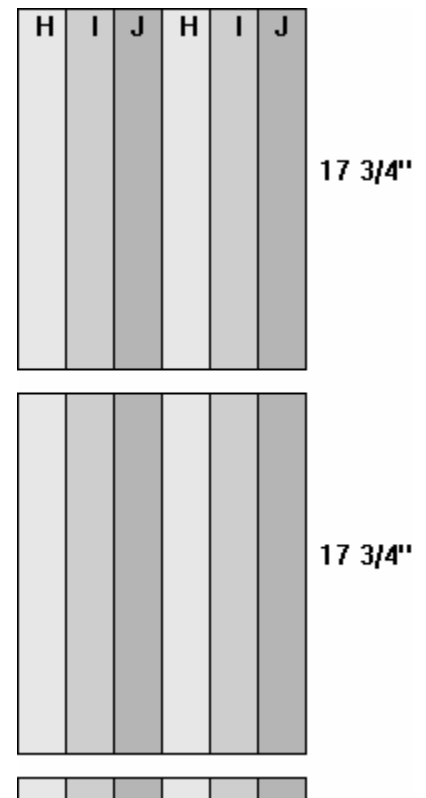
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| A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | | | |
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16. Sew 2 of the white EFG pieces along the short edges, right sides together, connecting the end of one piece to the beginning of the next piece. Sew one of the small 2.5" x 3.5" pieces of white fabric E to the END of the row, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Your finished row should be 7 pieces long, and look similar to the figure below. Repeat so you have a total of 4 of these pieces. Set these aside for now.

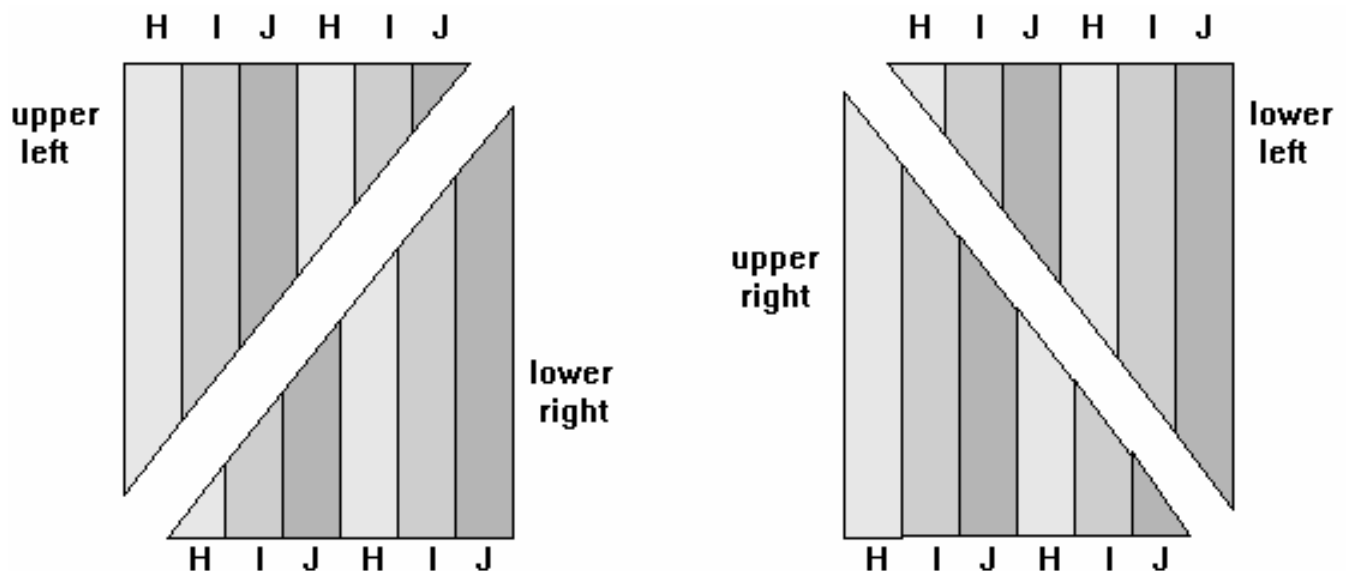
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17. Take the 2 each of the long blue strips labeled H, I, and J. Sew strip H to strip I right sides together along one of the long sides. Press seam allowance toward strip H. Sew strip J to the long open edge of strip I, right sides together. Press seam allowance toward strip J. Sew another strip H to the long open edge of strip J, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Sew another strip I to the long open edge of strip H, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Sew another strip J to the long open edge of strip I, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Trim the top edge of this strip piece so it is even.

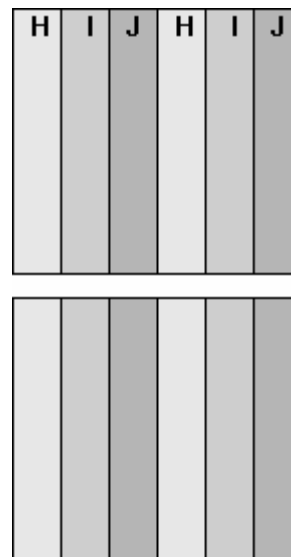


18. Now cut the length of these pieces into 4 pieces (2 pieces each) that are exactly $17 \frac{3}{4}$ ".

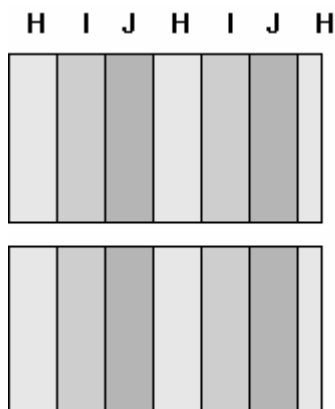
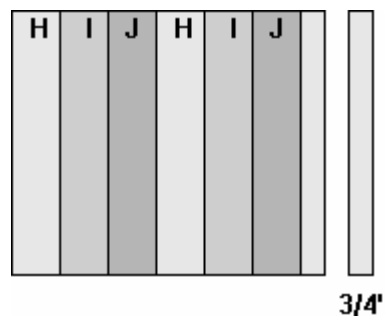
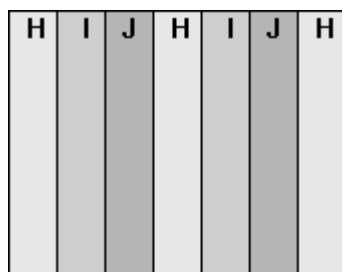
19. Take one of these $17 \frac{3}{4}$ " pieces and cut this piece straight from one corner to the other as shown. Be sure and cut the direction that is diagramed in the picture. Use a ruler and marking pen or a rotary cutter to ensure a straight and even cut. Do the same with the other $17 \frac{3}{4}$ " piece. Label these pieces as upper left, lower left, upper right, and lower right as shown.



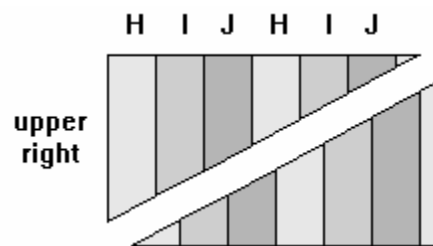
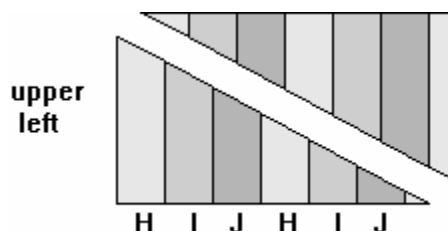
- 20.** Take 2 each of the long blue strips labeled H, I, and J. Sew strip H to strip I right sides together along one of the long sides. Press seam allowance toward strip H. Sew strip J to the long open edge of strip I, right sides together. Press seam allowance toward strip J. Sew another strip H to the long open edge of strip J, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Sew another strip I to the long open edge of strip H, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Sew another strip J to the long open edge of strip I, right sides together. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Trim the top edge of this strip piece so it is even. Cut the length of this piece in half.



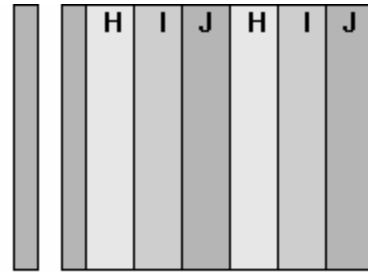
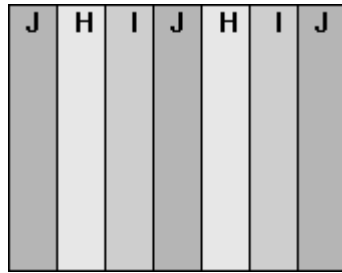
- 21.** Take one of these halves and sew a short strip of fabric H to the END of it. Now trim exactly $\frac{3}{4}$ " off of the end of this piece as shown.



- 22.** Cut the length of this piece into 2 pieces that are exactly $9 \frac{3}{4}$ " long. Cut these pieces straight from one corner to the other as shown. Be sure and cut the direction that is diagramed in the picture. Use a ruler and marking pen or a rotary cutter to ensure a straight and even cut. Label them as shown. You will only be using 2 of these pieces.

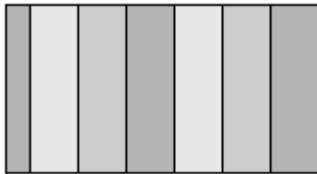


- 23.** Take the other half and sew a short strip of fabric J to the **BEGINNING** of it. Now trim exactly $\frac{3}{4}$ " off of the beginning of this piece as shown.

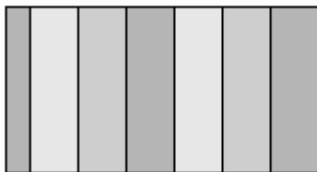


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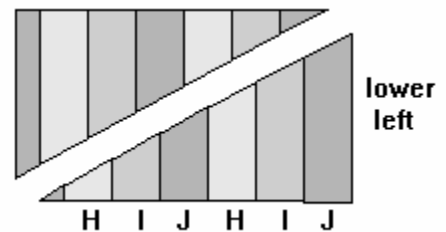
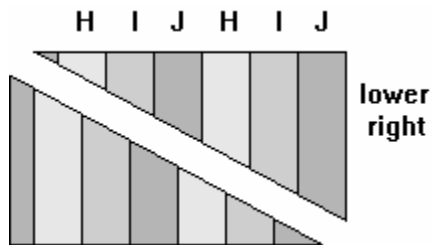


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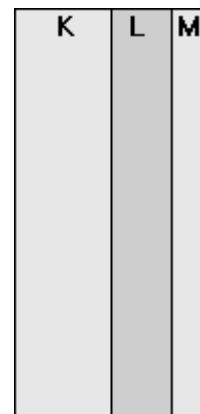


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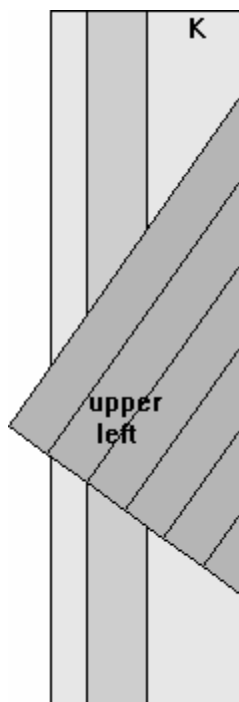
- 24.** Cut the length of this piece into 2 pieces that are exactly 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Cut these pieces straight from one corner to the other as shown. Be sure and cut the direction that is diagramed in the picture. Use a ruler and marking pen or a rotary cutter to ensure a straight and even cut. Label them as shown. You will only be using 2 of these pieces. When done you should have both a long and a short piece of each upper left, upper right, lower left, and lower right.



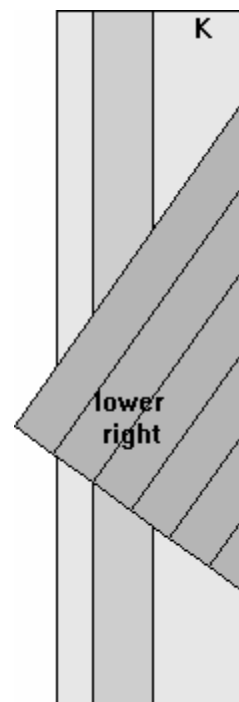
- 25.** Take one strip of fabric K and sew it to a strip of fabric L, right sides together, along one of the long sides. Press seam allowance toward strip K. Sew strip M to the long open edge of strip L, right sides together. Press seam allowance toward strip M. Repeat so you have a total of 4 of these pieces.



- 26.** Take the LONG blue portion labeled upper left and sew it to the side with the K strip on it. Sew them right sides together, and **DO NOT** start at the top of the strip! This piece needs to be sewn to the middle of the strip as shown. Be sure to position it like the picture shows. Fold open and press. Sew the LONG blue portion labeled lower right to another strip attaching it to strip K as before. This piece also needs to be sewn to the middle of the strip. Fold open and press. Still leave the labels on these pieces.

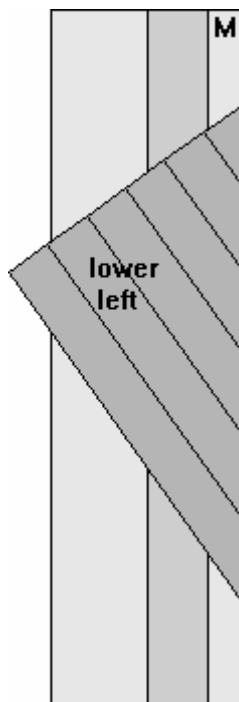


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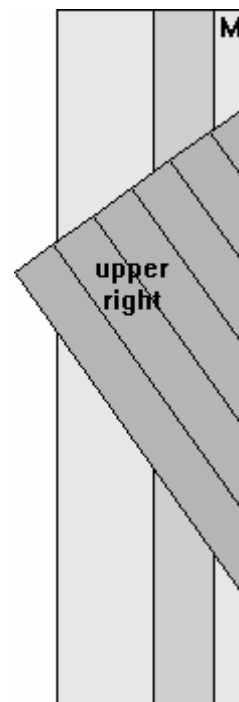


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- 27.** Sew the LONG blue portion labeled lower left to another strip, only this time sew it to the fabric M side, right sides together. Again, sew it to the middle of the strip. Be sure to position it as the picture shows. Fold open and press. Sew the LONG blue portion labeled upper right to the fabric M side of the last strip, right sides together. Again, sew it to the middle of the strip. Fold open and press. Still leave the labels on these pieces.

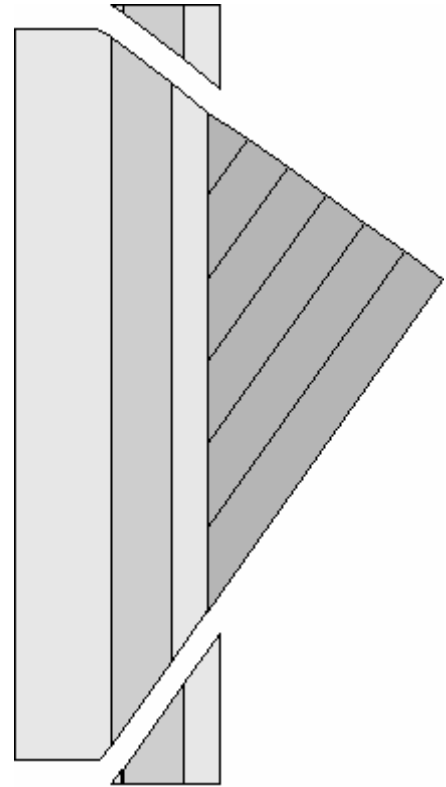


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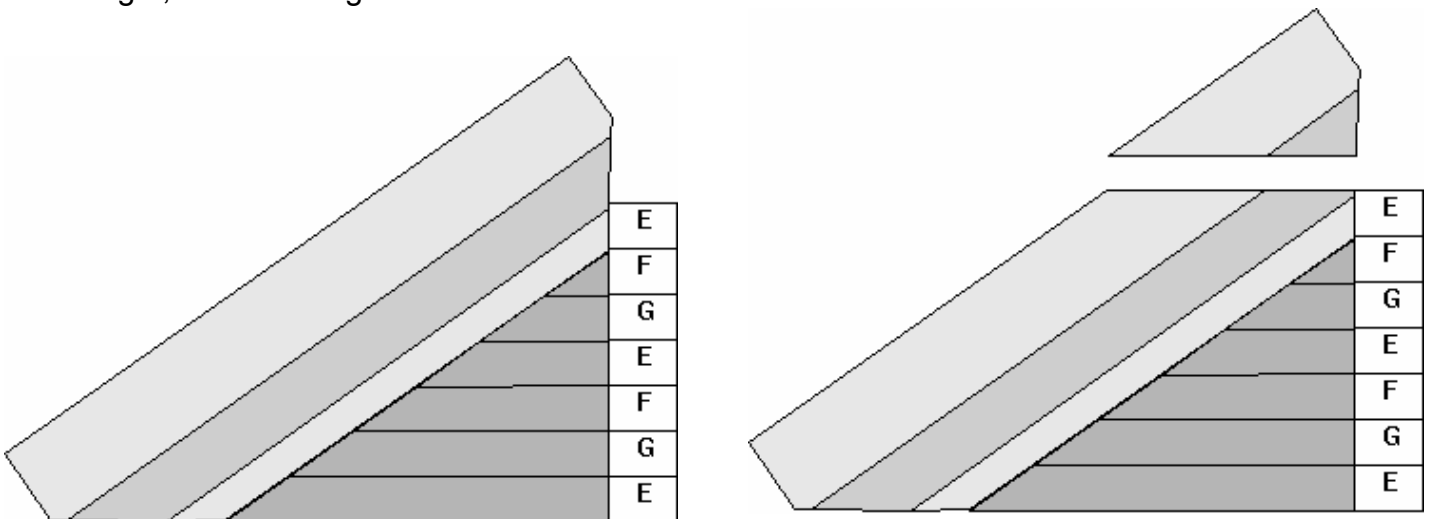


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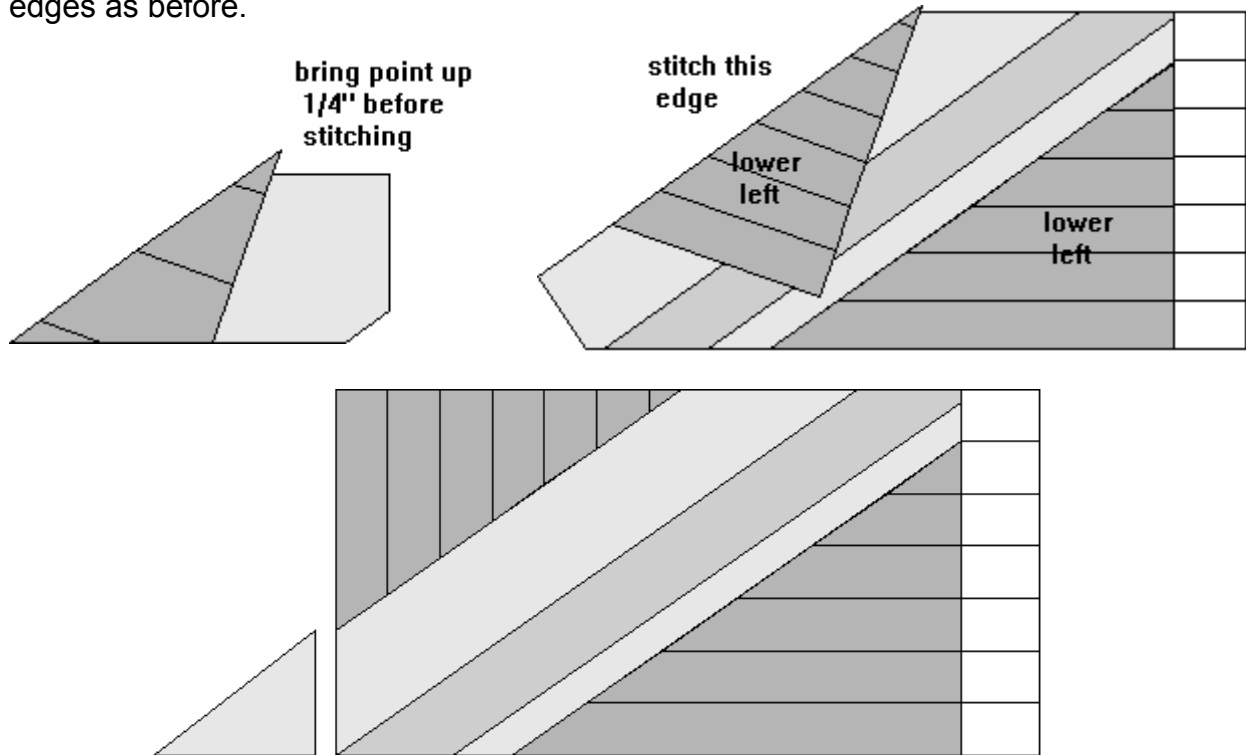
- 28.** Trim the KLM portion of all 4 of these pieces so the edges are straight and even with the blue portion.



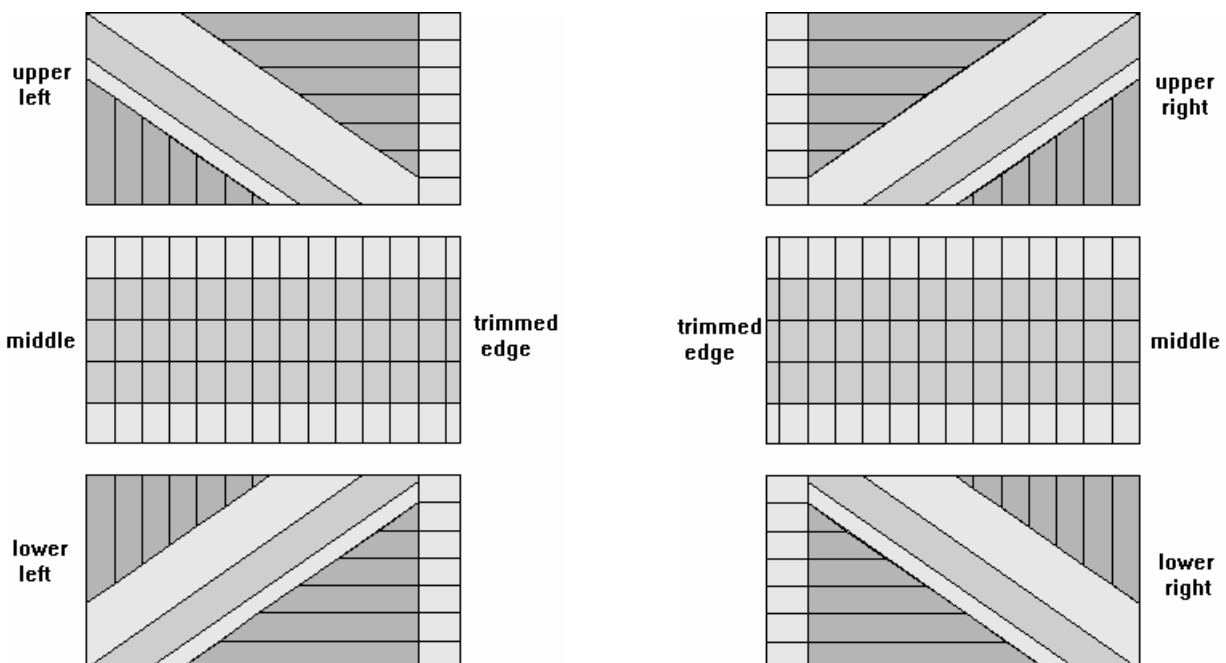
- 29.** Take one of the 7 piece long white rows from earlier (EFGGEFGE) and sew it to end of the lower left piece as shown. Fold open and press. Trim the top edge of the KLM piece so it is straight and even with the top of the white piece. Repeat with each of the other pieces upper left, upper right, and lower right.



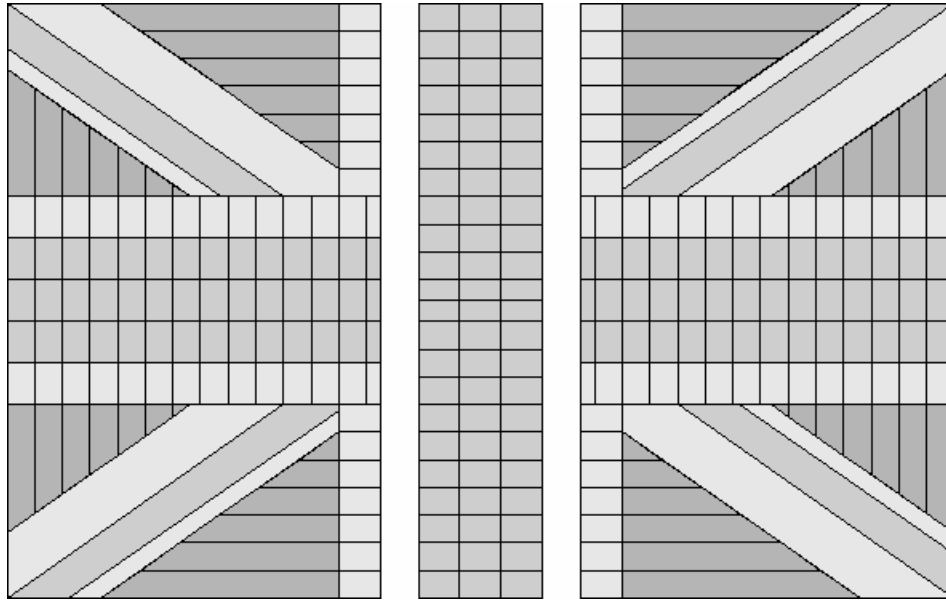
- 30.** Sew the SHORT blue piece labeled lower left to the larger portion labeled lower left. Sew it to the other side of the KLM piece, right sides together. Bring the point of the blue piece $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the strip, then stitch. Fold open and press. Trim the lower left edge of the KLM piece so it is straight and even with the blue portion. Now look at all 4 edges of the rectangle and slightly trim any of the other edges if necessary. Repeat this same process matching upper left to upper left, upper right to upper right, and lower right to lower right. Fold open, press, and trim edges as before.



- 31.** Lay out the pieces as shown. Fold the upper portion down over the middle portion, right sides together and matching top edge. Sew along the top edge. Press open. Fold the large upper and middle portion down over the lower portion, right sides together and matching top edge. Sew along the top edge. Press open.



- 32.** Lay out the pieces as shown. Fold the far right piece over onto the middle piece, right sides together and matching right edge. Sew along the right edge. Press open. Fold the large right and middle piece over onto the left piece, right sides together and matching right edge. Sew along the right edge. Press open. Trim edges slightly if necessary.



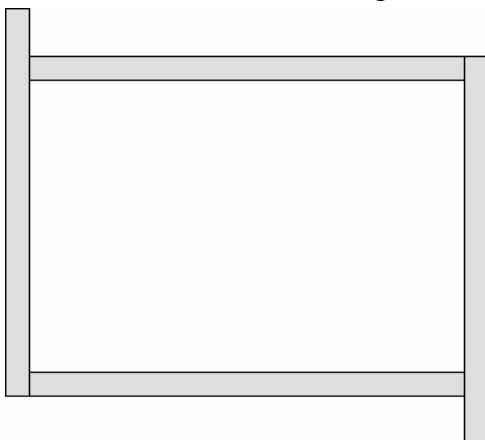
SEWING THE BORDERS

- 33.** Take border fabric N. 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 N, so you have a total of 4 of these pieces.



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

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



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

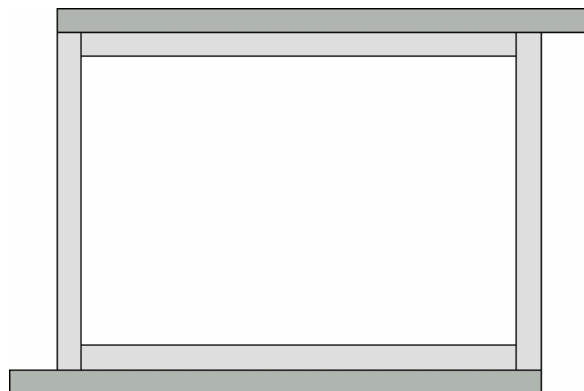
- 37.** Trim the excess border fabric to make the edge straight and even.

- 38.** Take border fabric O. 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.

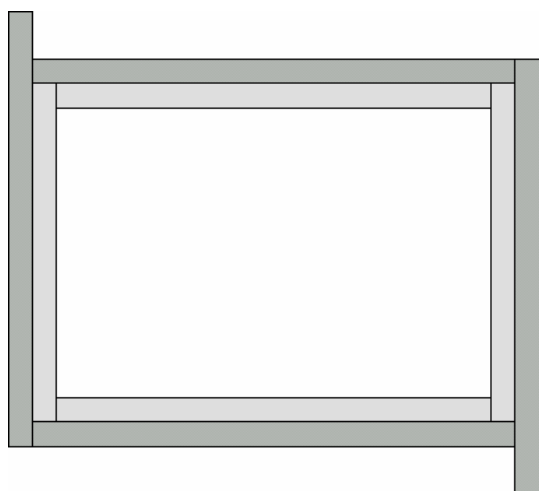


- 39.** Sew these pieces to the flag right sides together as shown, along the top and bottom edges. Press seam allowance toward the border.

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



- 41.** Sew together 1 long piece and 1 short piece of border fabric O, 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.



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

- 43.** Trim the excess border fabric to make the edge straight and even. Your finished quilt top will measure approximately 79" x 59".

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