

Stars and Stripes July Block of the Month

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All seams are sewn a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and right side of fabric together and an anchor stitch.

Fabric Requirements:

Blue

2 @ 4 x 4 inches

2 @ $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$

8 @ $1\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$

Red

6 @ $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 6

1 @ $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 10

White

6 @ $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 6

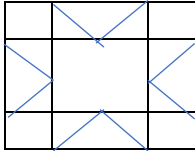
8 @ $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$

Make Flying Geese:

First make 8 flying geese with the "make 4 at one time" method using 4 x 4 blue fabric and $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$ white squares. Draw a diagonal line on all white squares before beginning. Trim flying geese units to $1\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Assemble Stars:

Make two stars. Place pieces as diagramed using $2\frac{3}{4}$ inch blue square in center, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch blue squares in the corners and flying geese.



Trim star to 5 x 5 inches

Assemble Stripes:

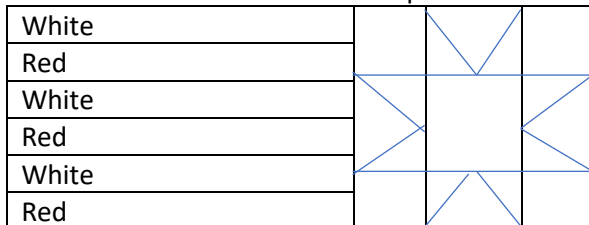
Make two sets of stripes. Sew lengthwise red and white strips, alternating red and white.

White
Red
White
Red
White
Red

Trim to 5 x 6 inches

Assemble Block:

Sew star block to short end of stripe block with white fabric at top end. Repeat for second set.



Invert one of the stars and stripes blocks so the white fabric of the stripes is facing each other. Sew the red strip, $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 10 inches between the two units to make the complete block.

Congratulations, you have finished another block!