

American Flag

Difficulty: ★☆☆☆☆ - Easy

Time: 40 minutes



Materials

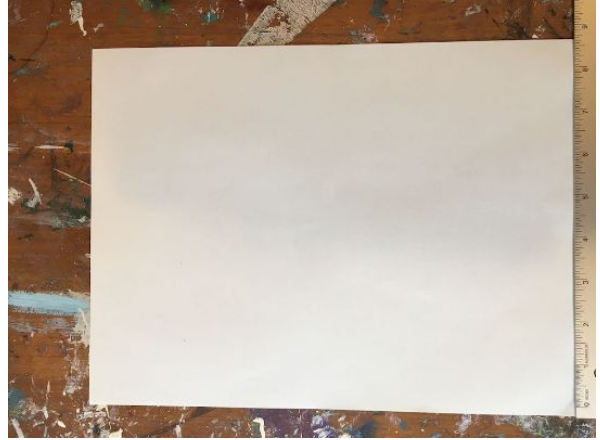
- Colored paper (or coloring utensils to color paper)
 - Red, white and blue
- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Ruler

Background

It is believed that the first American flag was sewn by Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross and designed by New Jersey Congressman Francis Hopkinson.

Steps

1. Place a white piece of paper on the table.



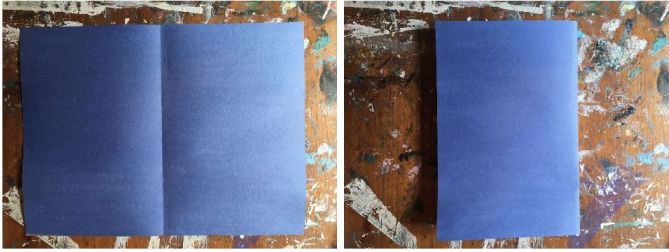
2. Cut out 7 red stripes, each 1 inch wide, to fit on the white piece of paper. Glue or tape down the red stripes to the white paper¹.



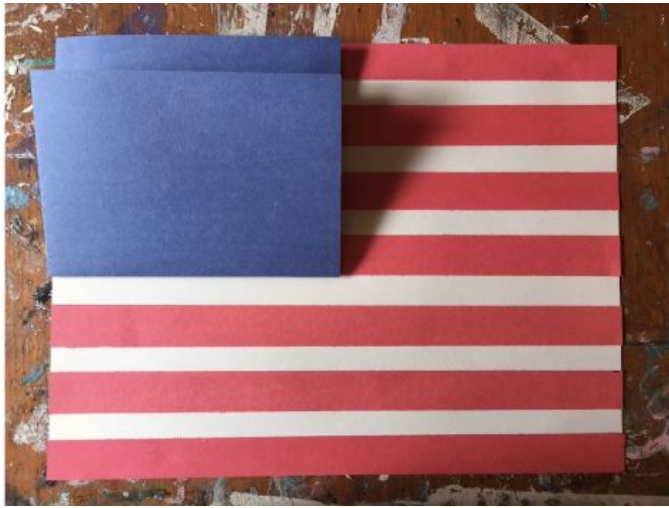
3. Cut blue paper in half vertically.

¹ The American flag consists of 13 horizontal stripes, 7 red alternating with 6 white. The stripes represent the original 13 Colonies.

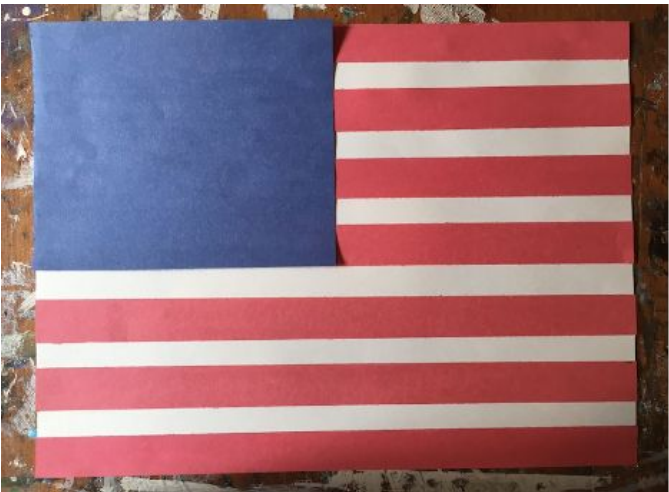




4. Match the blue paper to the upper left corner. Fold the blue paper so it is in line with the fourth red stripe from the top of the page.



5. Cut the blue paper along the fold. Glue or tape the blue rectangle to the upper left corner of the striped paper



6. Make a bunch of white stars² following the instructions ([link](#)). Glue or tape the white stars to the blue rectangle.



Hang the flag on your wall to spread holiday cheer!

² The flag of the United States of America has 50 stars that represent the 50 states of the Union. For the festive version, you can put as many stars as it takes to cheer you up.

