

Freedom Flags



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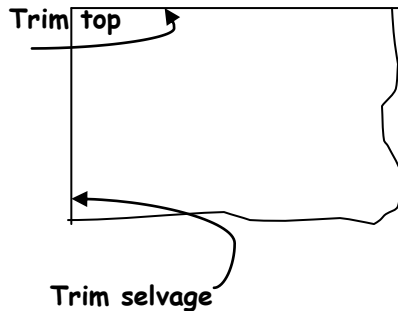
Cutting:

From assorted blue fabrics cut:

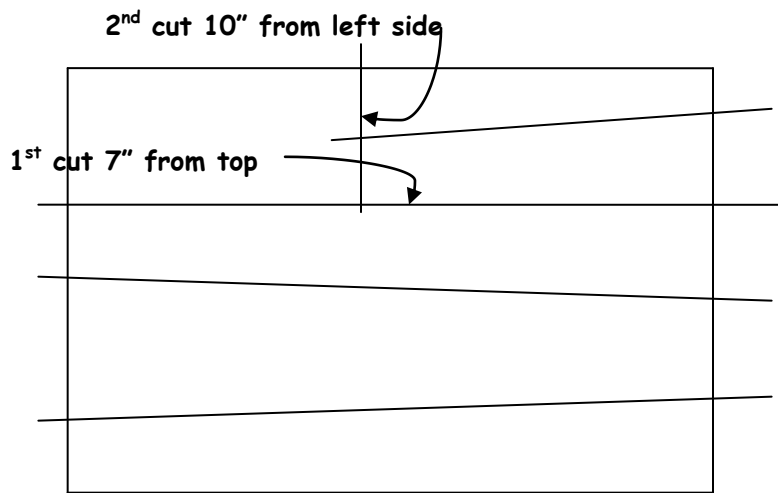
12 rectangles $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" inches

24 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " inch strips (two identical strips per flag)

Layer 4 fat quarters at a time, alternating cream, red, cream, red. Align selvages. Trim the selvage side and square up the top side of the fat quarter stack.



Cut the fat quarter stack as diagramed.



The first and second cuts are straight cuts. Set the left corner cut aside. Make the remaining three cuts on slight diagonals. Shuffle the fabrics so each flag has a variety of prints. You should have two flags that begin and end with cream/tan stripes and two that begin and end with red stripes. You will need to repeat this process for the remaining fat quarters. The degree of the diagonal cuts should vary slightly with each stack of fat quarters. (I recommend sewing the stripes from each set together before cutting the next because the angles will be different from set to set.)

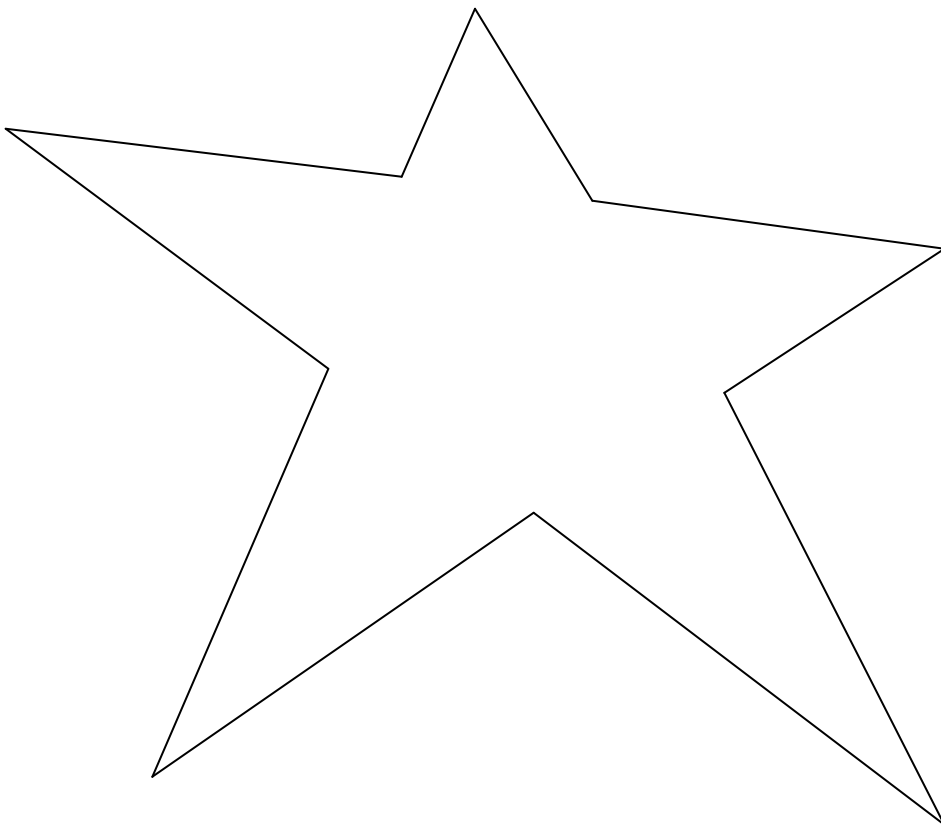
Sewing:

Begin the flag assembly by sewing the two short stripes together. Press and sew to the right end of a blue rectangle to create top units. Complete all four from the stack. Sew the remaining stripes for each flag together to create bottom units. Complete all four from the stack. After completing top and bottom sections from all twelve fat quarters, randomly sew top sections to bottom sections to complete 12 flags. Square finished blocks to 15" x 20". Sew matching $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips to the top and bottom of each block and trim even with the block. Sew the leftover $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips to both sides of block and trim even with the block. Repeat for all twelve blocks.

With the template provided create twelve stars from the gold fabrics. Using your favorite method, appliqué stars to the blue background.

Sew flags together into four rows of three flags. Using the 7" x 10" inch red and cream fabrics set aside, cut 14 $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 inch pieces. Sew together end to end in sets of seven. Sew to the top and bottom of quilt and trim ends even with the quilt. Cut remaining red and cream fabrics into 16 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" strips. Sew end to end in rows of eight. Sew one to each side of the quilt. Trim even with the quilt.

Quilt and bind as desired.



Freedom Flags (aprox. 68" x 72")

Supply List:

6 red fat quarters

6 cream/tan fat quarters

1/3 yard each of six different blues

Various golds totaling 1/3 yard for stars

2/3 yard binding

4 yards backing

Batting to fit

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