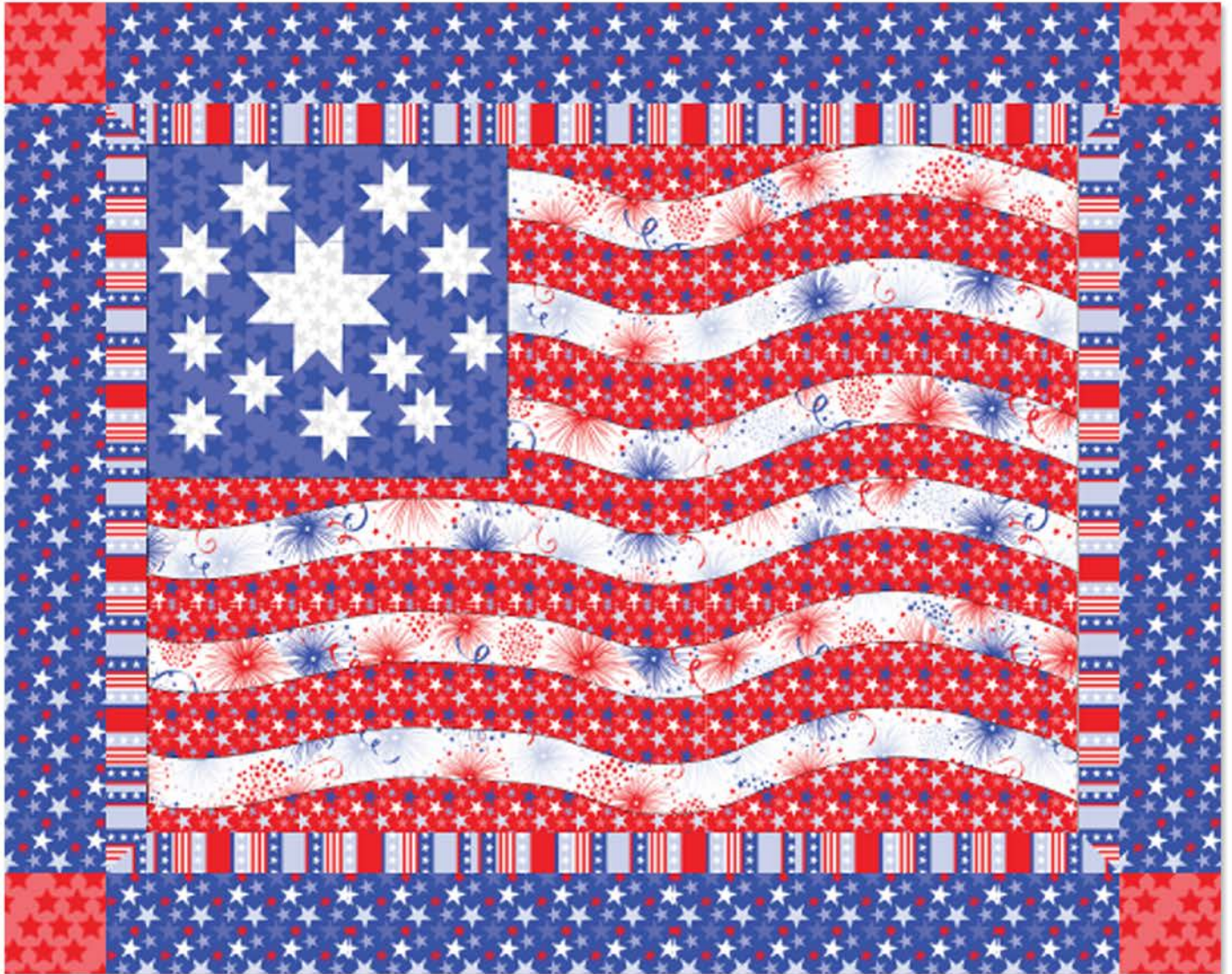


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Featuring Whistler Studios' Stars and Stripes Collection

SIZE: 42" x 50"



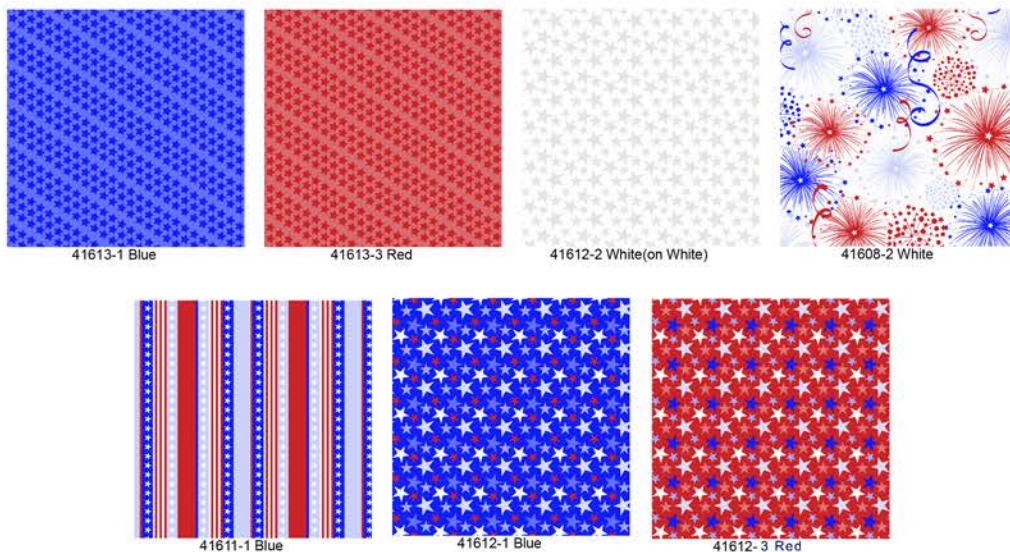
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## **Materials**

- Fat quarter of (41613-1 Blue) for flag corner stars background
- Fat quarter of (41612-2 White) for the stars
- 1/2 yard of (41608-2 White) for the light flag "stripes"
- 1 yard of (41612-3 Red) for the red flag stripes
- 3/4 yard of (41611-1 Blue) for the striped inner border AND binding
- 3/4 yard of (41612-1 Blue) for the outer border
- 1/4 yard of (41613-3 Red) for the red border squares
- 2-1/2 yards backing
- 1-1/2 yards lightweight fusible interfacing (NOT FUSIBLE WEBBING)
- Crib sized batting
- Freezer paper (approximately 6" x 38"; you may need more, depending on the curve you draw)
- Light colored thread to match the stars and light colored flag stripes
- Red thread to match red flag stripes (41612-3)

## **Preparing Appliqué Patches**

(Directions are for raw edge machine appliqué. For hand appliqué, increase the patch sizes by at least 1/4" on all sides.)

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**NOTE:** Fusible interfacing is used to provide fabric stability along bias edges and to add an extra layer to the underside of the light fabrics. This prevents the darker fabric from showing through the lighter upper fabric.

1. Transfer Star template markings to template material or freezer paper. From both the white stars print AND fusible interfacing cut the following: (1) 7-1/2" square for the large star; (5) 3-1/2" squares for the medium stars; and (6) 2" squares for the small stars.
2. Pair the fusible interfacing squares with the fabric squares and fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of fabric.
3. Use your templates and cut out the needed number of stars: one large, 5 medium and 6 small. Set aside.
4. Cut an 18" x 37" piece of fusible interfacing and fuse to wrong side of the fabric for the light stripes (41608-2 White).

### **Cutting**

1. On the 6" x 38" piece of freezer paper, draw a gentle curve as indicated on the quilt picture. Draw a duplicate curve 2-1/2" away from the first curved line. This creates the template for cutting out the 6 flag stripes. If you make a mistake or don't like your curved stripe, draw another one (it's only paper!)
2. Iron the freezer paper template to the right side of the white interfaced fabric. Cut out a 36-1/2" wide curved stripe. Peel off freezer paper and reposition along the cut edge; iron in place; cut out second curved stripe. Continue for all 6 stripes. The shorter stripes that appear at the top of the banner will be trimmed later.
3. Cut a 15-1/2" x 15-1/2" square of the navy background print (41613-1 Blue). (This is for the stars background unit)
4. Cut a 28-1/2" x 36-1/2" piece of red background fabric (41612-3 Red). This will be the red stripes. (The white curved stripes will be applied to this, creating the appearance of red curved stripes.)
5. From the striped inner border print (41611-1 Blue), cut two 2-1/2" x 36-1/2" and two 2-1/2" x 32-1/2" strips.
6. From the border print (41612-1 Blue) cut two 5-1/2" x 32-1/2" strips for the sides and two 5-1/2" x 40-1/2" strips for the top and bottom.

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7. From the red (41613-3 Red) cut four 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" border squares.
8. From the binding fabric, cut 5 strips 2-1/4" x wof".

### **Sewing the Units**

1. Position the large star in the center of the blue 15-1/2" x 15-1/2" square. Using the white thread, appliqué in place (I used a narrow, zig zag machine stitch).
2. Add the remaining 5 medium and 6 small stars; pin in place; stitch. Align this stars unit with the top left side of the red 28-1/2" x 36-1/2" rectangle. Turn bottom and right sides under 1/4" and baste in place.
3. On a flat surface lay out the red 28-1/2" x 36-1/2" rectangle. Arrange 3 of the curved stripes, beginning at the bottom of the rectangle. Space them approximately 2-3/4" apart. Pin in place.
4. Trim the remaining 3 curved stripes which are at the top of the flag, allowing for 1/2" to tuck under the stars background piece. Space the stripes evenly over the red background print. When you are satisfied with the placement, pin the stripes well.
5. Use white thread and a zig zag stitch, appliqué the stripes over the red background fabric.
6. Finally, appliqué the stars unit in place along the bottom and right sides. Flag center now measures approximately 28-1/2" x 36-1/2". (Use your own measurements to adjust, if necessary.)

### **Adding the Borders**

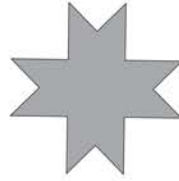
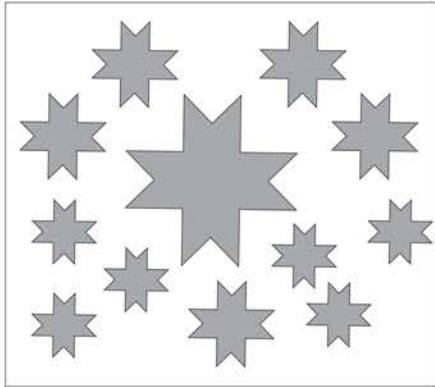
1. Sew the striped side borders on two opposing sides (2-1/2" x 28-1/2"); add the top and bottom borders (2-1/2" x 32-1/2"). Press seams toward the borders.
2. Sew the top and bottom outer borders on; press. Add the red 5-1/2" border squares to each short end of the side borders and sew to remaining sides of quilt.

### **Finishing**

1. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing; quilt as desired.
2. Trim the batting and backing even with the quilt top.
3. Sew the binding strips into one long strip and bind the raw edges of the quilt top.

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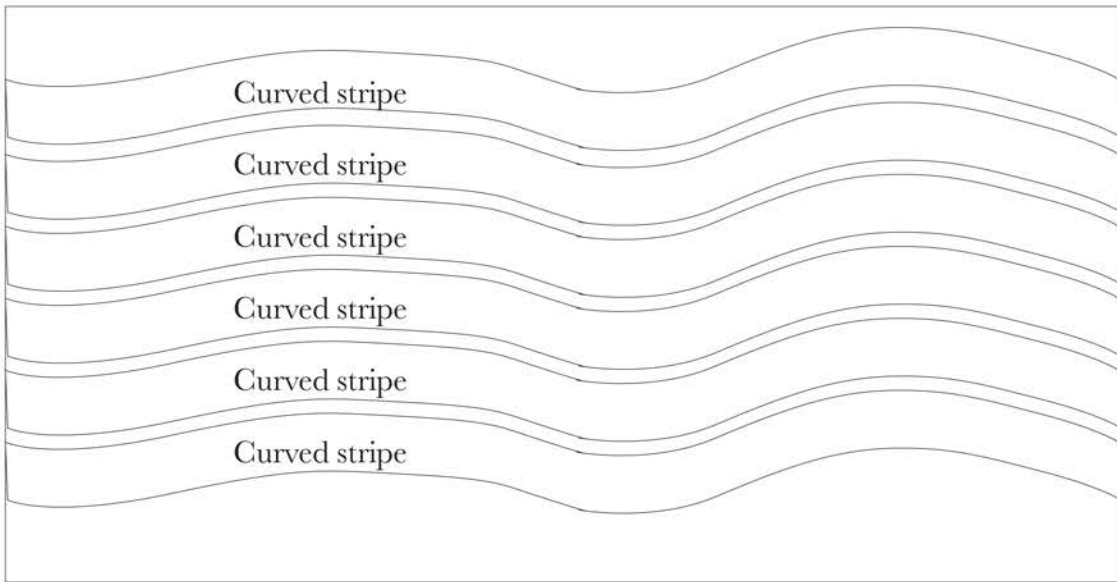


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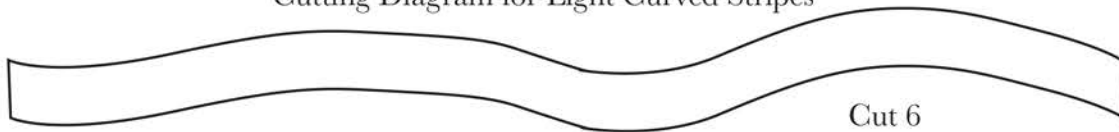


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Stars Placement Diagram



Cutting Diagram for Light Curved Stripes

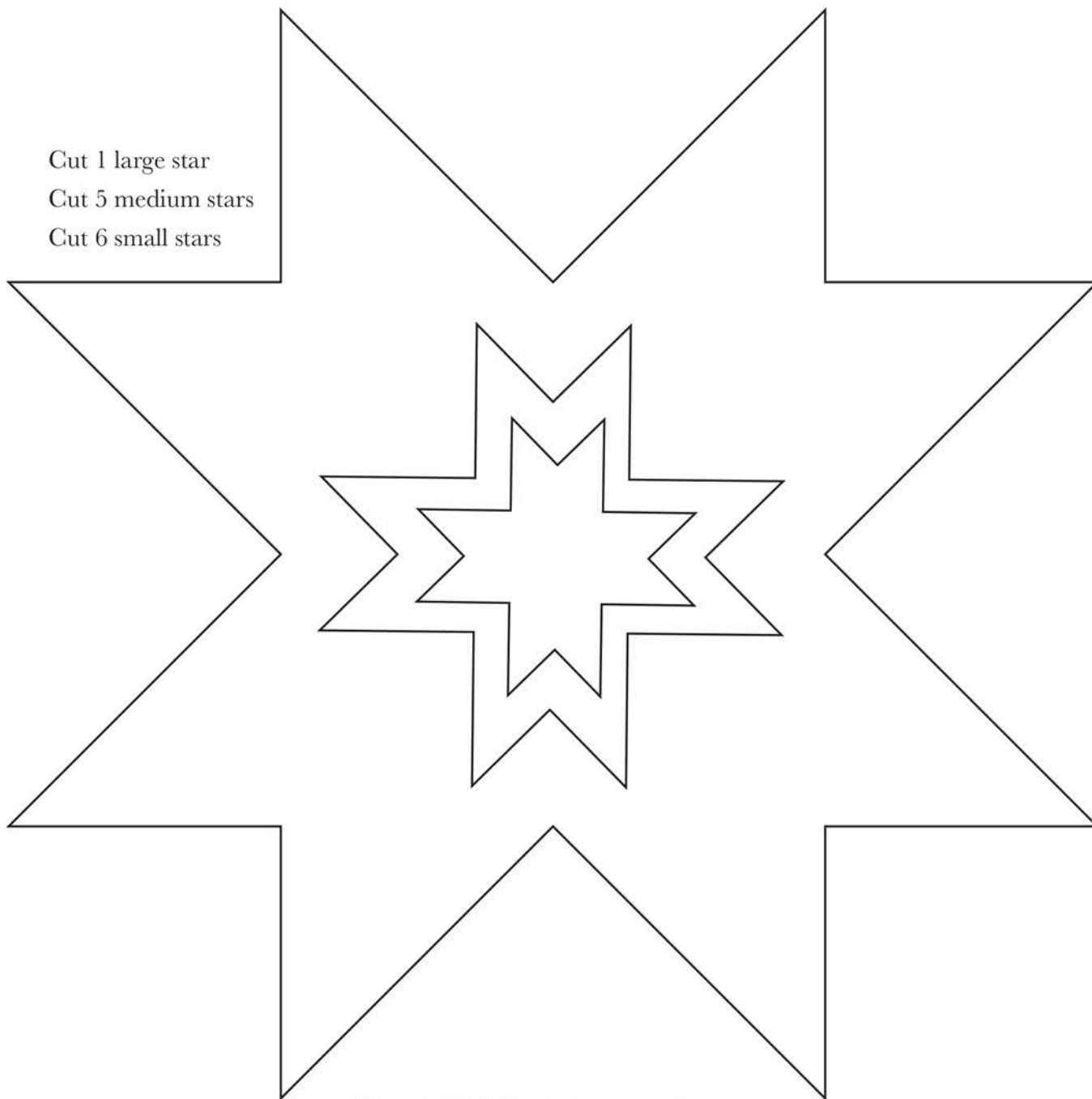


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Cut 1 large star  
Cut 5 medium stars  
Cut 6 small stars



Stars do NOT include seam allowance;  
for hand appliqué, add turn under allowance  
before cutting out; no seams needed for  
raw edge machine appliqué