

## Block of the Month June: Flag

The Fourth of July is right around the corner! How about a flag block for your quilt or this block makes a nice pillow cover? You will need red, white, and blue fabric for this block. The white should not be the same as you are using for the background.

Fabric needed: Friendship Star corner of the block.

Two blue squares:  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches

Four blue squares:  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Two white squares:  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches

One white squares:  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Make two half square triangles using one blue and one white  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " by  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". Draw a diagonal line, sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side, cut on the line and iron with dark side on top. Trim to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Repeat with the other blue and white  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " squares to make 4 total blue & white HST.

Layout squares as shown below and sew together. Block should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

You could change this part of the block by choosing a different patriotic star pattern. There are quite a few of them on the internet.

Fabric Needed: Flag

Two red strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ "; two red strip  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $15\frac{1}{2}$ "

One white strip  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ "; two white strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $15\frac{1}{2}$ "

Make a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " block using  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " strips red, white, red.

Make a  $15\frac{1}{2}$ " block using  $15\frac{1}{2}$ " strips white, red, white, red.

Sew the friendship star to left of the  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " flag strips. Sew the  $15\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the bottom.



Block should measure  $14\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $15\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $14\frac{1}{4}$ " background strip to the left and right sides of the flag block.

If you would like to start putting your quilt together, sew Block 1 star to flag block to Block 2 hearts as shown below. This will become the second row of your quilt.



Happy Fourth of July, Roxy