

# You Can Make a Patriotic Wallhanging



## Materials Needed:

- Red Fabric- 4 strips 3.5" x Width of Fabric (WOF) (1/2 yard needed)
- White Fabric- 3 strips 1.5" x WOF (1/2 yard needed)
- Blue Fabric- 23" x 15.5" rectangle (1/2 yard needed)
- Binding- 3 strips 2.25" x WOF (1/4 yard needed)
- Backing Fabric- 1 yard
- Elmer's School Glue
- Basic Quilting Supplies- Mat, Acrylic Ruler, Rotary Cutter, Iron, Ironing Pad

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut red fabric into 3 3.5" x WOF strips.
2. Cut White fabric into 3 1.5" x WOF strips.
3. Sew one white strip onto one red strip. Press seam towards the red fabric. Do three strips in this manner.
4. Trim each strip set to produce 2 20.5" strips as shown in Figure 1. You need 5 sets.
5. Trim the fourth strip of red fabric into 1 20.5" strip.
6. Sew the 5 strips of red/white together with the extra red strip on the end as shown in Figure. Press seams toward the red fabric. Be careful to not distort the strip by applying sideways pressure when ironing. (Think PRESSING not IRONING.)
7. Sew the blue rectangle of fabric to the top edge of the pieced stripes. It will be easiest to press the seam toward the blue fabric.
8. Using the template provided with this tutorial, cut three stars out of your white fabric. (Make sure you use paper/older scissors to cut out the template. Cutting paper dulls the scissors quickly and you want your fabric blade or scissors to stay sharp.)
9. Place your stars on the blue fabric where you would like them. Draw a light line of glue on the back side of the star and attach it to the blue fabric. Work fairly quickly- the glue dries quickly. Place all three stars and then set the stars in place with your iron.
10. Use your sewing machine to stitch around the stars, leaving about 1/8"-1/4" on the edge of the star. This is called "Raw Edge Applique." The dashed lines on the template show the approximate lines of stitching. When you get to a corner, leave your needle in the DOWN position. Lift your presser foot, turn the fabric, put the presser foot down again and continue. This will give you sharp points.



Figure 1

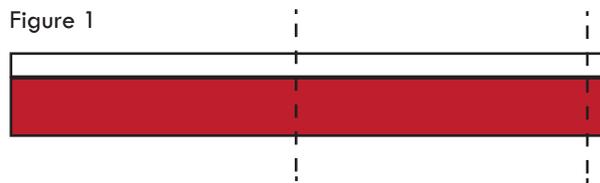
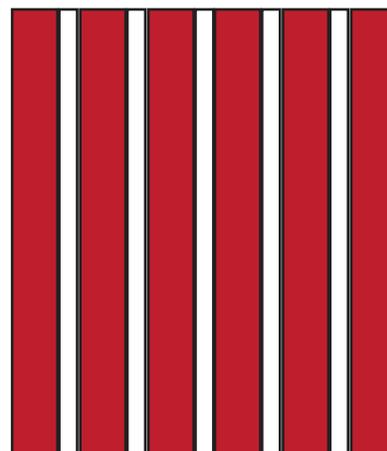


Figure 2



## FINISHING OPTIONS

### Make the Hanging Sleeve

Use the leftover red fabric from the fourth strip. Turn the ends in and hem so that it ends up being 20"-21" long.

Fold in half the long way and iron so that the right sides are facing out.

### Non- Quilted Version

1. Cut the backing fabric to the same size as your finished piece. In theory it should be 35" x 23.5" but we all sew a little differently.
2. Place the backing face down on the pieced front. Place the hanging sleeve in between the two layers with the raw edges lining up with the raw edges of the backing and the front.
3. Sew around the edges, leaving about a 4" opening so that you will be able to turn the wall hanging right side out. Make sure the corners are fully opened by using a blunt tool such as a chopstick or pencil eraser.
4. Topstitch around the end of the piece to give a nice finish and to close the opening.

### Quilted Version

1. Trim the backing fabric and batting about 1-2 inches larger than the front. Sandwich the three layers together and baste. (I like to use Odif's 505 spray to hold the layers together.)
2. You can use a mending/darning foot and apply Free-Motion Quilting techniques or you can use a walking foot and do straight-line quilting. I like to use painter's tape to help me keep the lines straight.
3. Trim the edges.
4. Pin the hanging sleeve so the raw edges line up with the raw top edge of the piece.
5. Apply binding- which will include the hanging sleeve. You should have enough leftovers from the various fabrics to make a scrappy binding.



Star Template

