

MAY 2016 BLOCK OF THE MONTH: BARB ERVIN'S TRIBUTE TO OUR FLAG

This month we're asking you to come up with a modified version of the American flag. If the lucky winner doesn't get the quilt finished by Memorial Day, celebrated on May 30 this year, perhaps she'll make it by Flag Day, which is June 14.

The colors you'll be working with are red, white, and blue. The red fabrics may be solid, patterned with small white or cream figures, or tone-on-tone. The white fabrics may be solid or tone-on-tone. Civil War reproduction fabrics are fine. Please use the same red and white fabrics throughout. The blue fabric may be solid, patterned, tone-on-tone, or blue and white.

Cut two 2" x 12 1/2" strips of red fabric and two 2" x 12 1/2" strips of white fabric.

Cut two 2" x 8 1/2" strips of red fabric and one 2" x 8 1/2" strip of white fabric.

Cut one blue rectangle 4 1/2" x 5".

Sew the four long strips together, alternating colors. Press all seams toward the red strips. Sew the short strips together, beginning and ending with a red strip. Again, press all seams toward the red strips.

Sew the blue rectangle to the short strip set along a 5" side, then trim it as needed. Sew the two rectangles together, and you're done.

The block should measure 11" x 12 1/2".

