

**Elizabeth Griscom Ross  
“Betsy” Ross  
1752-1836**

This Betsy Ross Flag is well known and well loved in America and around the world as the first American Flag. Her descendants claimed she made (not designed) the first U.S. Flag, using a circular arrangement of five-pointed stars.

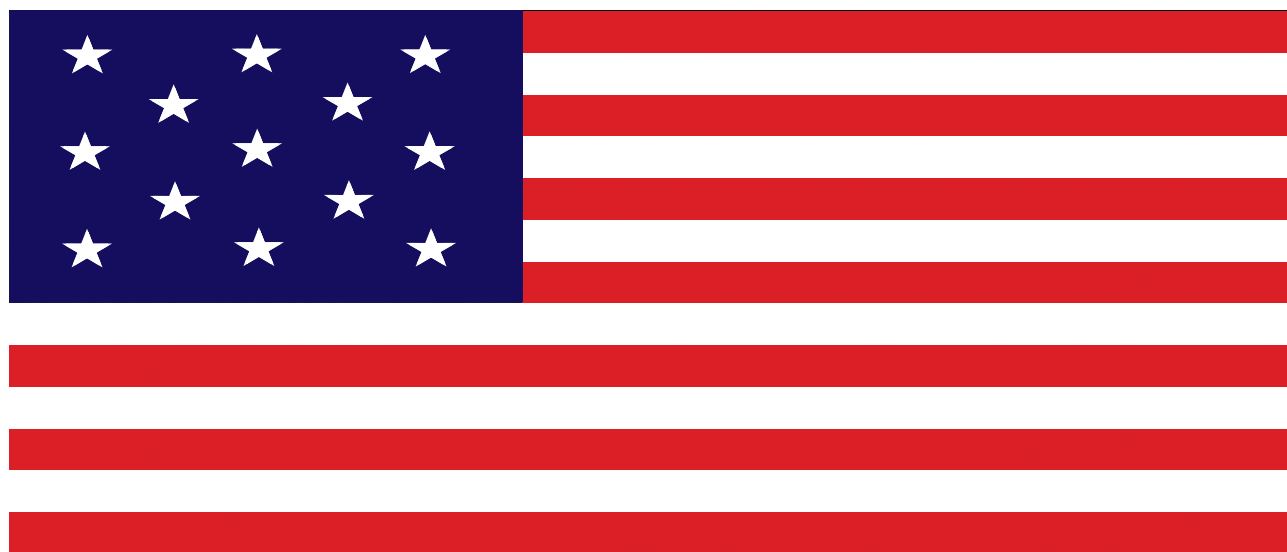
**Fact:** George Washington was the only president to be elected unanimously.

Betsy Ross is believed to be the maker of the first flag. Evidence shows that a Congressman, Francis Hopkinson is the person responsible for its design.



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**The First Official  
United States Flag  
June 14, 1777**

This 13 star flag became official as a result of the congressional action that took place on June 14, 1777. Evidence exists pointing to Congressman Francis Hopkinson to be responsible for its design. Each star and stripe represented a Colony of which there were thirteen, (in order of ratification: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Maine, Virginia, New York, North Carolina), united nearly one year earlier by the Declaration of Independence. The only president to serve under this flag was George Washington, (1789-1797).

The flag means America first, it means undivided allegiance. It means America united, strong and efficient. It tells of the struggle for independence, union preserved.