

The U.S. Flag colors symbolized the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of our country.

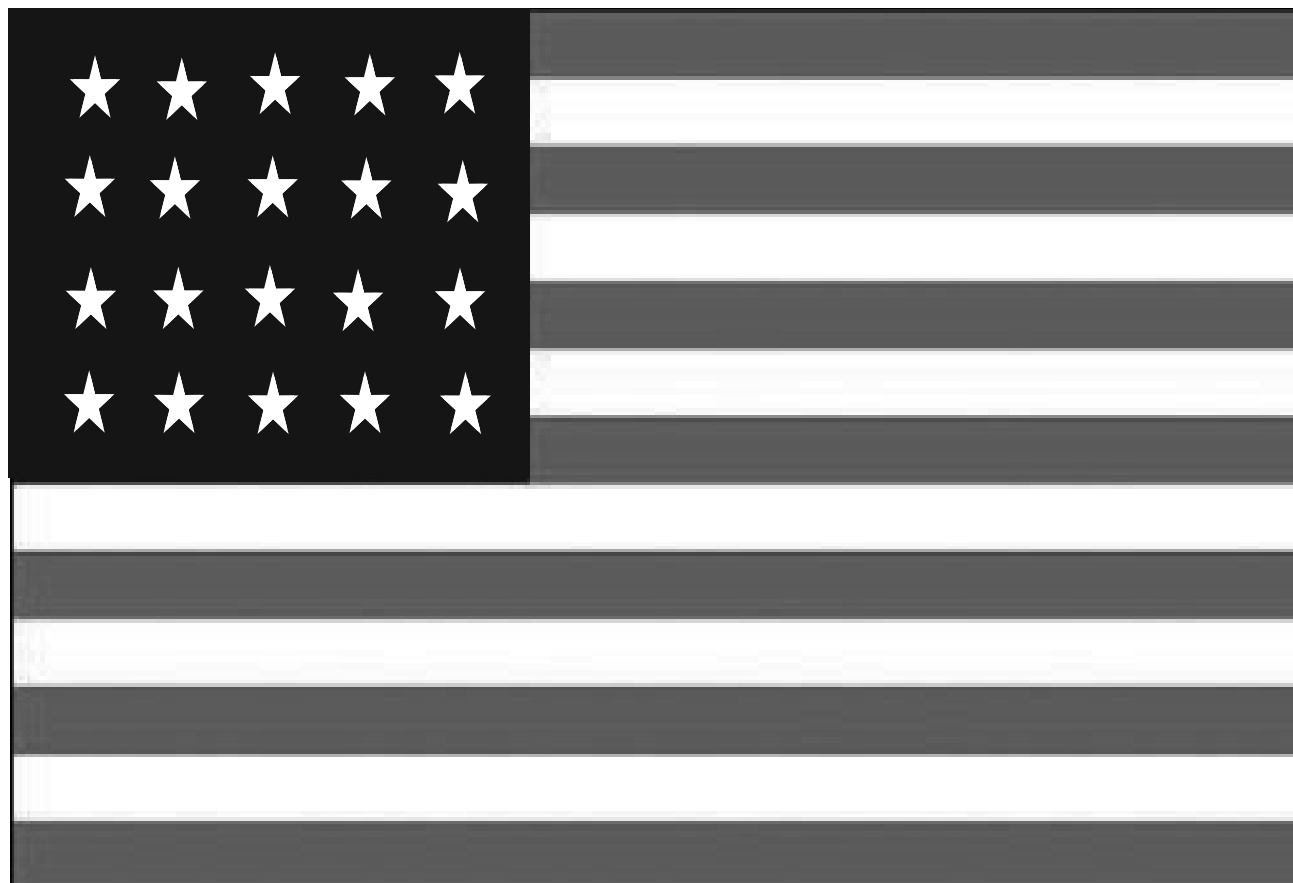
The Star Spangled Banner 2nd Official U.S. Flag May 1, 1795

This 15 star flag became official when Vermont and Kentucky were admitted into the union. The 15 star, 15 stripe flag was authorized by the flag act of January 13, 1794, adding 2 stars and 2 stripes. This was the only official flag to have 15 stripes.

Notice the stars are tilted.

The five presidents who served under this flag were, George Washington (1789-1797), John Adams (1797-1801), Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809), James Madison (1809-1817) and James Monroe (1817-1825).

Fact: John Adams was the first president to live in the White House, then known as Executive Mansion.



The red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

20 Star Flag 3rd Official U.S. Flag April 13, 1818

Congress realized that adding another star and stripe for each new state was impractical. So they passed the Flag Act of 1818 which returned the flag design to 13 stripes. This 20 star flag became the official United States Flag on April 13th, 1818. The five stars were added for the admission of Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi. There was only one president to serve under this flag, James Monroe, (1817 - 1825)