

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.



**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.



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.

**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).

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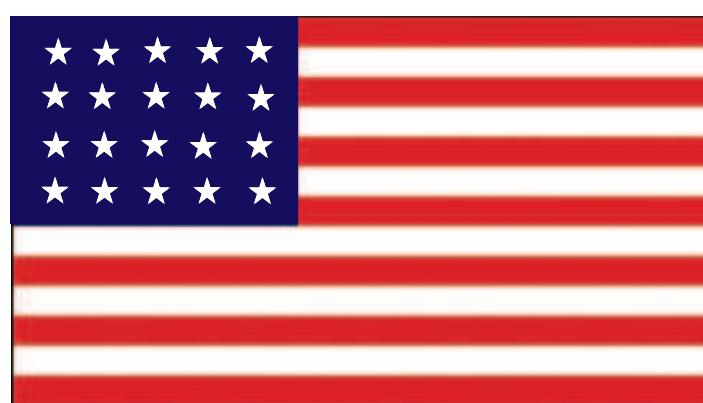
The U.S. Flag colors symbolized the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of our country.

**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).

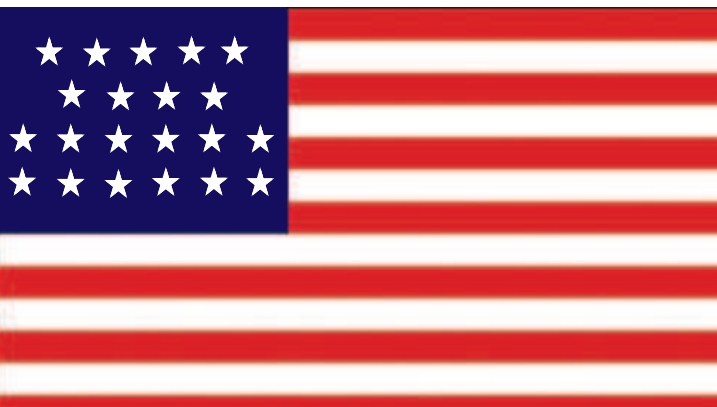
Fact: John Adams was the first president to live in the White House, then known as Executive Mansion.



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)



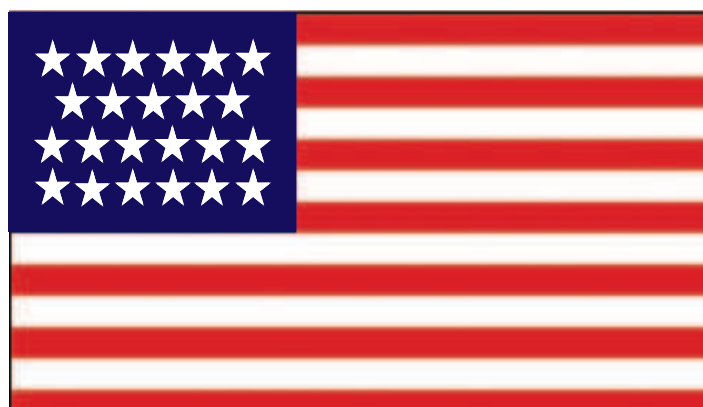
The white stripes represent liberty and equality for all.

**21 Star Flag
4th Official U.S. Flag
July 4, 1819**

One star was added for the admission of Illinois and lasted for one year.

The only president to serve under this flag was James Monroe, (1817-1825)

Fact: James Monroe was the 5th president of the United States. He was married to Elizabeth Kortright and they had three children. Monroe's inauguration in 1817 was the first to be held outdoors. James Monroe's presidential salary was \$25,000.



The blue background of the stars is for loyalty and faith.

**23 Star Flag
5th Official U.S. Flag
July 4, 1820**

The 23-Star Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1820. Two stars were added for the admission of Alabama (the 22nd state on December 14th, 1819) and Maine (the 23rd state on March 15, 1820) and was to last for 2 years. The only President to serve under this flag was James Monroe (1817-1825).

Fact: James Monroe was the first president to ride on a steamboat, and to be elected to a The U.S. Senate. The bride in the first White House Wedding was Monroe's daughter.

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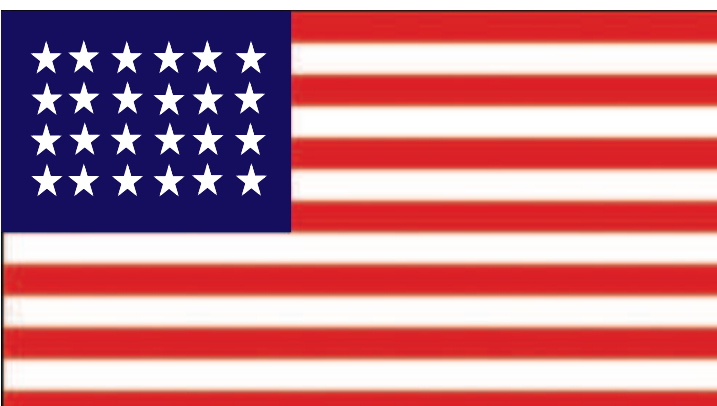
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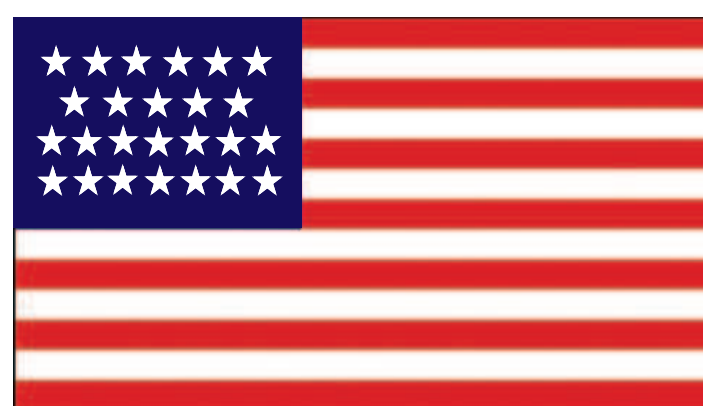


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**24 Star Flag
6th Official U.S. Flag
July 4, 1822**

The 24-Star Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1822. A star was added for the admission of Missouri (August 10th, 1821) and was to last for fourteen years. The Presidents who served under this flag included James Monroe (1817-1825), John Quincy Adams (1825-1829), and Andrew Jackson (1829-1837).

Fact: John Quincy Adams regularly swam nude in the Potomac River. Adams was the first president to be photographed.



The U.S. Flag, freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

**25 Star Flag
7th Official U.S. Flag
July 4, 1836**

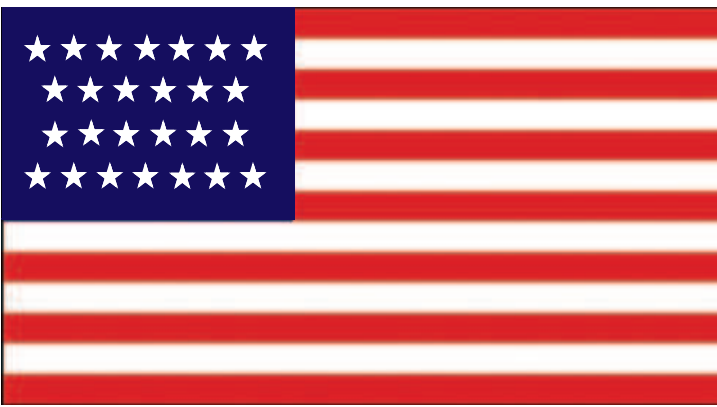
The 25-Star Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1836. A star was added for the admission of Arkansas (June 15th, 1836) and was to last for just one year. The two Presidents to serve under this flag were Andrew Jackson (1829-1837) and Martin Van Buren (1837-1841).

Fact: Andrew Jackson was the first president to have been a prisoner of war. Jackson was also the only president who served in both the revolutionary war and the War of 1812.

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**26 Star Flag
8th Official U.S. Flag
July 4, 1837**

The 26-Star Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1837. A star was added for the admission of Michigan (January 26th, 1837) and was to last for 8 years. The four Presidents to serve under this flag were; Martin Van Buren (1837-1841), William Henry Harrison (1841), John Tyler (1841-1845), and James Polk (1845-1849).

Fact: William Henry Harrison was the only president who studied to become a doctor.



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**27 Star Flag
9th Official U.S. Flag
July 4, 1845**

This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1845. A star was added for the admission of Florida and was to last for only 1 year. The only President to serve under this flag was James Polk (1845-1849).

Fact: James Polk survived a gallstone operation at the age of 17 without anesthesia or antiseptics. Practices were not used at that time.