

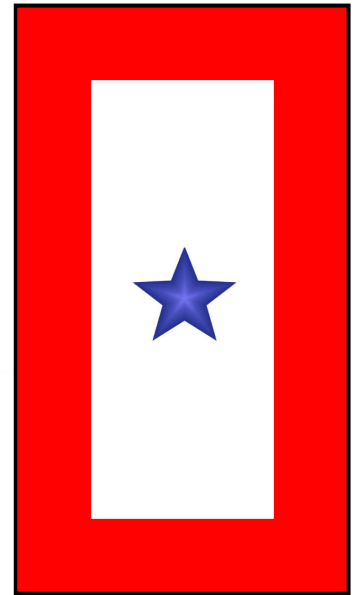
## Service Star Flag

Finished size – 12" x 18"

Display of the Star Service Flag first came about during World War I. During WWI and WWII, most flags were handmade by mothers across the nation. Each blue star on the flag represents a service member in active duty. A gold star is displayed if a service member is killed in action or dies in service.

**Design: Department of Defense Directive 1348.20 regulates the design of the service flag. The official design of this flag is:**

- A white rectangular field within a border of red.
- Blue stars will fill the field, one star for each family member who is being symbolized.
- Stars are to be arranged in a horizontal line or lines with one point of the star up.
- The flag must be displayed vertically.
- If an individual is killed or dies while serving, the star representing that individual will have a gold star superimposed on the original star so that the blue forms a border.



### Materials Needed:

- White Fabric – 1 fat quarter
- Red Border – 1 fat quarter
- Blue Star – each requires a 7" x 7" scrap of fabric
- Back Fabric – 1 fat quarter of your choosing

### Cutting Instructions:

- From white cut 1 - 8 ½" x 14 ½" rectangle
- From red cut 2 – 2 ½" x 14 ½" strips
- and 2 – 2 ½" x 12 ½" strips
- From blue cut – as many stars as needed using the template provided
- (This template is for use with a fusible web product. For a finished edge, add ¼" for turning)

### Assembly:

- Sew each of the 14 ½" strips to the long side of the white rectangle. Press seams toward the red
- Sew the remaining 12 ½" strips to the top and bottom of the flag.
- Appliqué the appropriate number of stars to the white field – remember to have one star point facing up
- Quilt and bind the flag. It is recommended that a hanging sleeve be added during the binding process to easily display the flag