

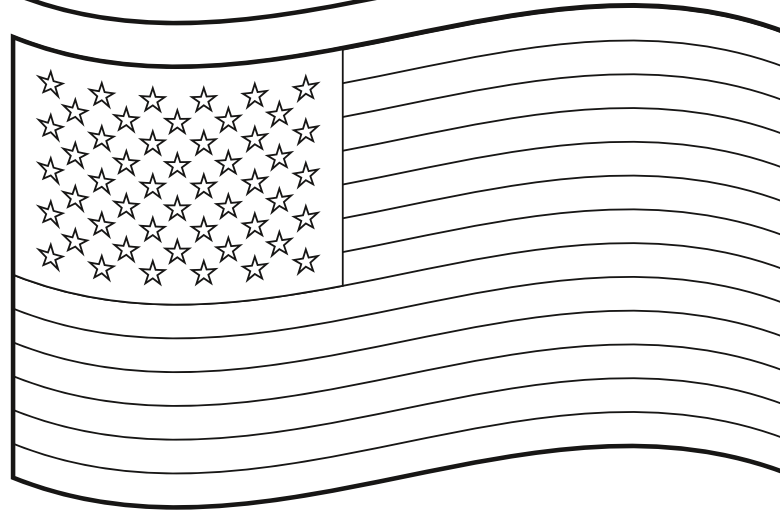
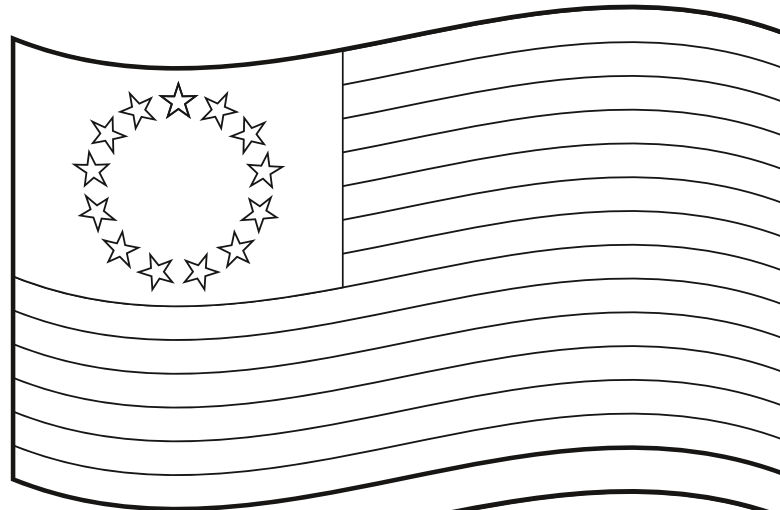
THE AMERICAN FLAG

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Betsy Ross

According to popular legend, the first American flag was made by **Betsy Ross**, a Philadelphia seamstress who was acquainted with George Washington, leader of the Continental Army, and other influential Philadelphians.



The Betsy Ross American Flag
Adopted in 1777

When you color the flags, think about what each color stands for:

White signifies purity and innocence.
Red signifies hardiness & valor.
Blue signifies the color of the Chief.

The current American Flag
Adopted on July 4, 1960

July 4th

On July 4, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress. Independence Day celebrates the freedom of the United States from British rule. We celebrate this day with fireworks, parades and lots of festivities.

How many stripes are on the flag _____

What do the stripes represent? _____

How many stars are on the Betsy Ross flag? _____

How many stars are on the current US flag? _____

Why did the number of stars change? _____

What three colors are used in the American flag?
