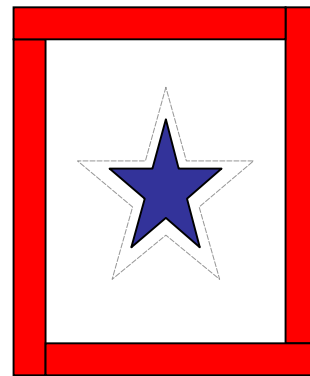


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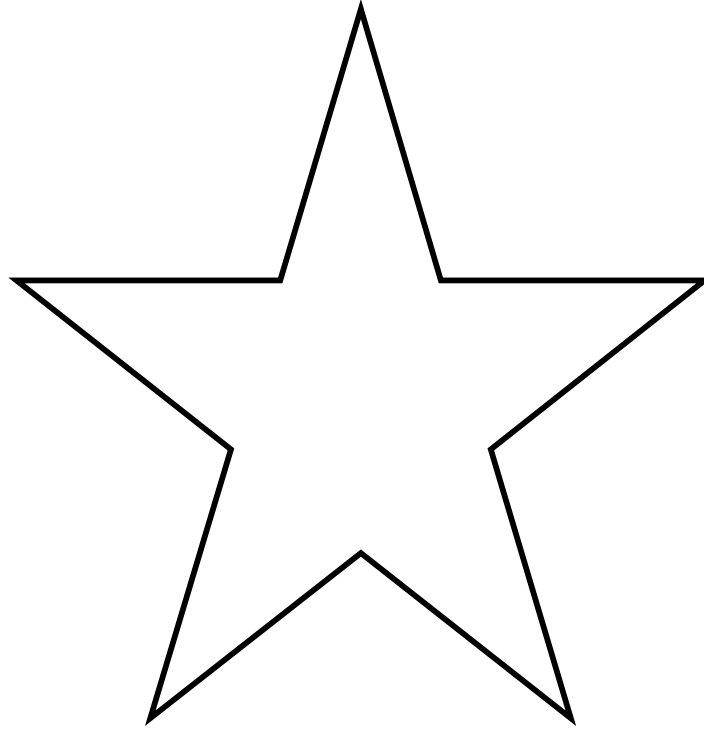
Finished size will be 8 ½" x 11". All seams are 1/4".

	Cut white fabric 7 ½ x 10
	Cut batting 9 ½ x 12 ½
	Cut red backing 9 ½ x 12 ½
	Cut red 1 ½ x 45" strip - This strip will be used as the border on the front.
	Using Steam-a-Seam or Wonder- Under ; follow manufacturers instructions to make the Blue stars. Use a 3 ½ " star. Press with a Teflon pressing sheet , if available.
	Press white fabric and red strip.
	Sew strip to top and bottom of white; press towards the Red Sew strip to sides of white; press towards the Red
	Add the batting to the back of the block. Quilt your top.
	Find center of block by folding block in half - finger press the center Open and fold block in half lengthwise - finger press the center
	Find center of star. Insert pin into center of star and center of block. Turn star so that a single part points to the top.
	Fuse on star
	Stabilize (using spray starch or Solvy)
	Appliqué the star using your favorite appliqué stitch and navy thread .
	Pin backing RST with block. (Right Sides Together)
	Make a tube of fabric using scrap of red 1 ½" strip. Turn inside out. This will be used to hang the flag. <i>Optional: You may put a small amount of batting inside for more fullness.</i> <i>Optional: Put hangers on each side and insert a rod to hang.</i> Another way to make loop: Take strip of material (doesn't have to match any of it) about three inches long. Fold each long edge to the center, then fold the whole thing over, leaving the raw edges inside. Stitch the two sides together, again with a sewing machine or by hand.
	At top of block find center (4 ¾ " approx.). Put the loop upside down between the two pieces, with the ends even with the edges of the front and back pieces. The loop should be completely within the quilt. You might want to tack this down so it doesn't shift.
	Leaving a 3 to 4 inch opening at the bottom, sew backing and block together. Press; trim corners; turn; pushing out corners with a blunt tool; press.
	Press opening closed and sew very close to the edge all the way around or hand stitch closed.
	Stitch in ditch between red and white.

Bold = Yardage, tools and supplies needed

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Star should be about 3 ½ inches.

What is a Quilted Blue Star Service Banner?

It's based on the original Blue Star Service Banner that is available from local VFW and American Legion Posts: a blue star on white background with a red border. Family members with loved ones abroad are encouraged to hang the service banner in their windows to show support.

The Quilted Blue Star Service Banner has a quilter's touch. The border is pieced, the background is quilted and the star is appliquéd. Our design finishes at about 8 ½ x 11. It's just a different way to accomplish the same purpose.

From Bontia Walker, Cozy Quilt Shop, and the many who inspired this project, thank you for taking the time for such a worthy cause.

For more information on the history of the Blue Star Service Banner visit the American Legion website at <http://www.legion.org/attack/docs/bluestar.htm>.

For more information on San Diego's Operation Homefront sponsored by Roger Hedgecock and Cinchouse.com visit <http://rogerhedgecock.com/homefront.html> and <http://www.cinchouse.com/>.

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