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## April Block of the Month

The April block of the month is an American Flag. Unfinished size is about 8 ½" square (slightly smaller is okay). Finished square measures approximately 8". Select three fabrics: a navy blue, a red, and a white or cream color.



### CUTTING:

Navy Fabric – One 3 ½" square

Red Fabric – One 1 ½" by 3 ½" strip

Two 1 ½" by 6 ½" strips

White or cream Fabric – Two 1 ½" by 3 ½" strips

Three 1 ½" by 6 ½" strips

Two 1 ½" by 8 ½" strips



**Step 1:** With right sides together and using a ¼" seam allowance, sew 2 white/cream and 1 red 1 ½" by 3 ½" strips together, with red in the middle.



**Step 2:** Sew 2 red and 1 white/cream 1 ½" by 6 ½" strips together, with white/cream in the middle.



**Step 3:** Sew the navy blue square to the 3 ½" strip set made in step 1.



**Step 4:** Sew the 6 ½" strip set made in step 2 to the bottom of the blue/red/white set made in step 3.

**Step 5:** Sew the remaining two 1 ½" by 6 ½" white/cream strips to the left and right sides of the flag made in step 4.

**Step 6:** Sew the two 1 ½" by 8 ½" white/cream strips to the top and bottom of the rectangle made in step 5. Your block is now complete.

Thanks!

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**P.S.:** There's still time for you to whip up one or more blocks for **March** between now and our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Check out the directions in the February issue of "Around the Block" on our website.

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