

Stars and Stripes: The First American Flag

0 It is said that Betsy Ross made the first U.S. flag. It was called the
15 Stars and Stripes. It had thirteen rows of stripes. The top row was red.
29 The next row was white. The next row was red and so on. In the top left
46 was a field of blue. There were thirteen stars. Each star had five points.
60 One point was upward. They were arranged in a circle. At that time, there
74 were thirteen colonies. Each star was for a colony. The first flag was
87 raised on July 1, 1776.

92 When the U.S. became a nation, the stars stood for each state. As
105 the U.S. grew, a star was added for each state. At first, a stripe was also
121 added. One time the flag had fifteen stripes and fifteen stars. Then the
134 U.S. decided to keep the thirteen stripes. The stripes were for the thirteen
147 colonies. When a state joined the U.S., a new star was added. The order
161 of the stars was changed many times. Hawaii became a state in 1959. The
175 last star was added for Hawaii.

181 Now there are fifty stars on the flag. The flag still has thirteen
194 stripes. If another state joined the U.S., a star would be added.
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