## **JULY 2018 BOM**

## **FOURTH OF JULY**



1-Half-square triangles: Stack the white 3" square and Dk blue 3" square, right sides together. On the back of the top square, mark a diagonal line and stitch a scant ¼" above and below the marked diagonal. Cut apart on the marked line and press seam towards the blue fabric. Trim unit to measure 2-1/2". Repeat to make a total of 4 half-square triangles.

2-Star unit: Using the block diagram as a guide, assemble rows. Pay close attention to the orientation of the half-square triangles! Rows 1 and 3 –Dk blue 2-1/2" square + Half-square triangle + Dk blue 2-1/2" square. Press seam allowances toward blue squares. Row 2- Half-square triangle + white 2-1/2" square + Half-square triangle. Press seam allowances toward white center square. Sew rows together and press seam allowances. Star unit should measure 6-1/2" square.

3-Stripes: Sew red  $1-1/2" \times 34"$  strip to white  $1-1/2" \times 34"$  strip along the long side. Press seam allowance toward red strip. Cut three 6-1/2" pieces. Cut one 12-1/2" piece (there will be some of the stripe unit left over). Sew the three 6-1/2" pieces together to get a 6-1/2" square of alternating red and white stripes. Press seam allowances toward red strips.

4- Sew the star unit to the 6-1/2" square striped unit (make sure the red stripe is on the top!). Then, sew the 12-1/2" stripe piece. Sew the red 12-1/2" strip to the bottom. Press seam allowances.

5- To the top and bottom of the flag unit, sew the Lt blue  $2'' \times 12-1/2''$  strip. Press seam allowances. The block should be 12-1/2'' square.