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The flag of the United States of America, often referred to as the American flag, is the national flag of the USA. It also has been called "The Stars and Stripes", or "Old Glory", or the "Star Spangled Banner". It consists of thirteen equal horizontal stripes of red - top and bottom - alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing fifty small, white, five-pointed stars arranged in nine offset horizontal rows, where rows of six stars - also top and bottom - alternate with rows of five stars.

The canton is referred to specifically as the "Union". During the American Civil War, the Union, also known as the North, referred to the United States of America and specifically to the national government of President Abraham Lincoln and the 20 free states, as well as 4 border and slave states that supported it. The Union opposed slavery, but originally was fighting the Civil War simply to keep the nation intact.

The origin of the stars and stripes design has been muddled by a story disseminated by the descendants of Betsy Ross. The popular story credits Betsy Ross for sewing the first flag from a pencil sketch handed to her by George Washington. No evidence for this exists either in the diaries of George Washington nor in the records of the Continental Congress. Indeed, nearly a century passed before Ross' grandson, William Canby, first publicly suggested the story in 1870. This story has not yet been proven true, and scholars do not accept that Betsy Ross was in fact the first to have sewn the very first American flag.

The current design of the U.S. flag is its 27th; the design of the flag has been modified officially 26 times since 1777. For every state to join the Union, a star is added to represent it. The 48-star flag was in effect for 47 years until the 49-star version became official on July 4, 1959. The 50-star flag was ordered by the then president Eisenhower on August 21, 1959, and was adopted in July 1960. It is the longest-used version of the U.S. flag and has been in use for over 58 years.

These modifications have never changed the sense of pride and solidarity that Old Glory has always provided for the citizens of the United States. The American Flag is an icon of our Nation and every version of the American Flag shares an important part of our nation's history.

The [American Flag](#), also known as "Old Glory", has been a symbol of strength and unity for the United States of America. However, in 1775, American ships in New England flew a white flag with a "Liberty Tree" in the middle. The year of 1775 would see several red and white striped flags fly including the one with the snake in the center that's hissing the, "Don't Tread on Me" warning. In January of 1776, the Grand Union flag stood on Prospect Hill. It sported the red and white striped pattern with the British Union Jack in the corner. By June of 1777, the Continental

Congress adopted the first official flag of the newly formed United States. The Stars and Stripes was born.

The flag of the United States is one of the nation's most widely recognized symbols. Within the United States, flags are frequently displayed not only on public buildings but on private residences. The flag is a common motif on decals for car windows, and on clothing ornamentation such as badges and lapel pins. Throughout the world the flag has been used in public discourse to refer to the United States. The flag has become a powerful symbol of Americanism, and is flown on many occasions, with giant outdoor flags used by retail outlets to draw customers. Reverence for the flag has at times reached religion-like fervor: in 1919 William Norman Guthrie's book *The Religion of Old Glory* discussed "the cult of the flag".

Old Glory has stood the test of time and when it comes to American outdoor polyester flags. Printed [polyester American flags](#) are an economical option. They are more budget-friendly than nylon flags. However, they can also withstand the elements of outside wear and tear. They look fabulous indoors too. Polyester also retains its color for a longer period of time. It is the best flag you will find if you are looking for a flag that is going to be flying 24/7 in harsh conditions. At Star Spangled Flags, we also carry [nylon American flags](#) in varying sizes and dimensions.

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Maintaining polyester American flags is easy. Polyester, other synthetic fabrics are generally safe to wash in a machine. Set the washing machine on the gentle cycle with warm water. Add a mild liquid laundry detergent to the wash water. You can also hand wash the flags with a mild liquid detergent made for delicate items.

Polyester is faster drying, easier to dye and abrasion resistant. American flags made of polyester material is very durable, so flags made from this material stand up well to the elements. Polyester fabric also tends to be either moisture trapping, or moisture wicking, neither of which are ideal for cooling in warm weather.

Every person has a story of bravery. Sometimes we may not recognize it in ourselves, but everyday thousands of people across America are brave for one reason or another. Choose an American flag for your home flag pole or a military flag to give as a gift. Show your patriotism and love of country by proudly flying your polyester [American flags](#)!

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