West Pasco Quilters Guild **Patriotic Block** of the Month

November 2020 **Distributed November**

Skill Level Medium

In Liberating **Strife**

Finished size of block: 181/2" X 181/2 "

Fabric Requirements:

White = 6" X WOF

Blue = (8) - 3" X 3" squares

Red = 131/2" X WOF

Patriotic = $(5) - 2\frac{1}{2}$ " X $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

All seam allowances = scant 1/4"

For reference:

Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" X 21"

Eighth of a Yard = $4\frac{1}{2}$ " X 40"

WOF = Width of Fabric



Cut Patriotic Themed Pieces:

White (solid or predominantly white)

• (16) - 11/2" X 21/2" rectangles

• (8) - 3" X 3" squares

Blue (solid or predominantly blue)

• (8) - 3" X 3" squares

Red (solid or predominantly red)

• (16) - 11/2" X 21/2" rectangles

• (4) - 2½" X 6½" strips (sashing)

• (2) - 2½" X 14½" strips (border)

• (2) - 2½" X 18½" strips (border)



Patriotic

• (5) - 2½" X 2½" square (center cornerstone)

Making Rail Units:

Place red and white small rectangles right sides together

Sew along the long side

Press towards the dark side

Repeat with all the red and white small rectangles, creating a total of 16 Rail Units



Making Half Square Triangles (HSTs) Two at A Time:

Place a white and a blue 3" X 3" square right sides together

Mark each block set diagonally from corner to corner, with fabric marking pen and ruler (solid line)

Stitch 1/4" from center marked line on both sides of the marked line (dotted lines)

Cut the blocks apart along centerline markings (solid line)

Press seam allowances toward the blue fabric, and trim HSTs to 21/2" squares

Repeat to make a total of 16 HSTs





Completing the 6½" Square Units (4)

Arrange Rail Units, HSTs and a Patriotic Square as shown

Sew together to create a 61/2" X 61/2" square unit

Repeat to make (4) 61/2" X 61/2" square units



Completing the Block

4 - Square 61/2" units 4 - Sashing 21/2" X 61/2" strips 1 - Remaining 21/2" square

Sew together in rows, pressing all seams towards the sashing strips

Sew the three rows together, block should measure 141/2" X 141/2"

Add borders, press towards the border strips / Block should measure ≈ 18½" X 18½"







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Skill Level Easy

In Liberating Strife

The **BIG** Block

Finished size of block: 181/2" X 181/2"

Fabric Requirements:

White = Fat Eighth

Blue = $(2) - 5'' \times 5''$ squares

Red = 81/2" X WOF

Patriotic = $(1) - 4\frac{1}{2}$ " X $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square

All seam allowances = scant 1/4" For reference:

> Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = $9" \times 21"$ Eighth of a Yard = $4\frac{1}{2}$ " X 40" WOF = Width of Fabric



Cut Patriotic Themed Pieces:

White (solid or predominantly white)

- (4) 21/2" X 41/2" rectangles
- (2) 5" X 5" squares
- (2) 1½" X 14½" strips (inner border)
- (2) 5" X 5" squares
- Red (solid or predominantly red)

Blue (solid or predominantly blue)

- (4) 21/2" X 41/2" rectangles
- (2) 2½" X 14½" strips (outer border)

• (2) - 1½" X 12½" strips (inner border)

- (2) 2½" X 18½" strips (outer border)
- (1) 4½" X 4½" square



Making Rail Units:

Patriotic

Place red and white rectangles right sides together

Sew along the long side

Press towards the dark side

Repeat with all the red and white small rectangles, creating a total of 4 Rail Units



Making Half Square Triangles (HSTs) Two at A Time:

Place a white and a blue 5" X 5" square right sides together (X2)

Mark each block set diagonally from corner to corner, with fabric marking pen and ruler (solid line)

Stitch 1/4" from center marked line on both sides of the marked line (dotted lines)

Cut the blocks apart along centerline markings (solid line)

Press seam allowances toward the blue fabric, and trim HSTs to 4½" squares

Repeat to make a total of 4 HSTs



Completing the 121/2" Square Unit

Arrange Rail Units, HSTs and a Patriotic Square as shown

Sew together to create a 12½" X 12½" square unit



Completing the Block

Add inner borders, press towards the inner border strips

Block should measure ≈ 14½" X 14½"

Add outer borders, press towards the outer border strips

Block should measure ≈ 18½" X 18½"





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