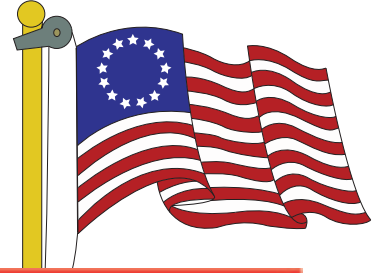


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Betsy Ross: The Woman behind the Stars and Stripes

Betsy Ross is a well-known figure in American history because she is believed to have played a significant role in creating the first American flag, known as the Stars and Stripes. Born on January 1, 1752, in Philadelphia,



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that would represent the new nation, and they had heard about Betsy's talent. It is believed that Ross made suggestions to improve a rough sketch of the flag that was presented to her. Betsy took on the task eagerly. She listened to the Congress's suggestions and used her creativity and sewing skills to come up with a design. There are many stories about how she came up with the idea of using stars and stripes, but the specifics are not known for certain. What we do know is that Betsy worked hard to bring the design to life.

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After presenting her design, Betsy was given the honor of creating the first American flag. She carefully stitched each star and stripe by hand, paying attention to every detail. The flag she created had thirteen alternating red and white stripes to represent the thirteen American colonies and a blue field with thirteen white stars in a circle to represent the unity of the new nation.

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proudly, we can remember the remarkable woman who helped bring it to life.

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A) Check the correct option to answer each question.

- 1) What is Betsy Ross well-known for in American history?
 - a) Bringing to life the design of the first American flag
 - b) Fighting in the Revolutionary War
 - c) Founding the city of Philadelphia

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d) 15

- 4) What did the alternating red and white stripes on the American flag represent?
 - a) The 13 original states
 - b) The number of battles fought
 - c) The branches of government
 - d) The number of stars on the flag

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5) What business did Betsy Ross open?

- a) A bakery
- b) A blacksmith shop
- c) A bookstore
- d) An upholstery shop

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4) The Continental Congress

January 1, 1752

5) Betsy Ross's flag

13 American colonies

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C) Answer the following.

1) When and where was Betsy Ross born?

2) What skills was Betsy Ross known for as a young woman?

3) E

4) V

5) Describe the design of the first American flag likely sewed by Betsy Ross.

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