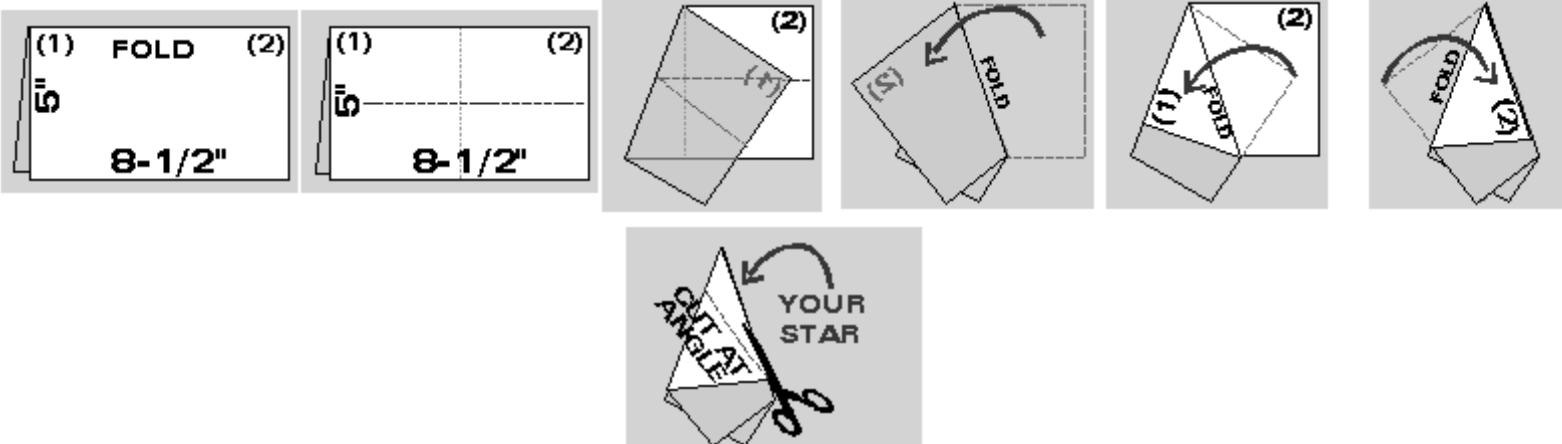


## WAVE THE FLAG Brownie Try It

Complete four activities from the following:

### **1. WHO MADE THE FIRST FLAG:**

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, seeking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the national flag. "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." George Washington's original pencil sketch for the flag indicated 6-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred. Betsy Ross, however, recommended a 5-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion. You too can create a 5-pointed star. Take a thin piece of paper 8-1/2" x 10" (or an exact proportion thereof), fold it as indicated and cut yourself a perfect 5-pointed star.



Step 1. Fold an 8-1/2" x 10" piece of paper in half.

Step 2. Fold and unfold in half both ways to form creased center lines. (Note: be sure paper is still folded in half.)

Step 3. Bring corner (1) right to meet the center line. Be sure to fold from the vertical crease line.

Step 4. Bring corner (1) left till edges coincide, then make the fold.

Step 5. Bring corner (2) left and fold.

Step 6. Bring corner (2) right until edges coincide. Then fold.

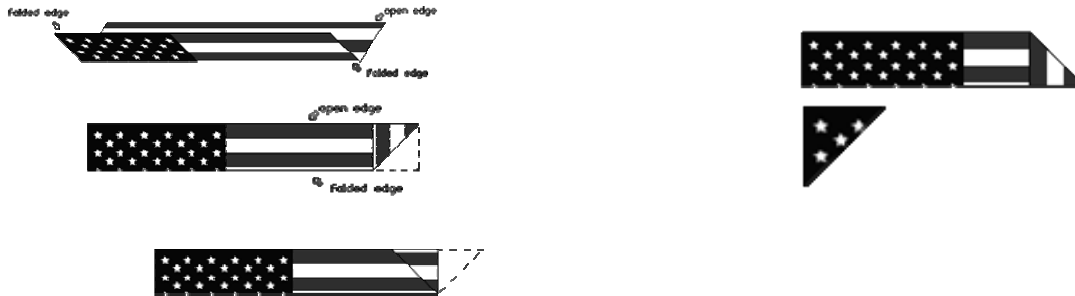
Step 7. Cut on the angle as shown in the picture. Then unfold the small piece.

### **2. SHOW IT OFF:**

1. Read and demonstrate the steps involved in correctly folding a U.S. flag. You can use a real flag, or each pair of girls can use a large towel to learn to fold properly.

To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.

2. Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.
3. Fold the flag again lengthwise with the blue field on the outside.
4. Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.
5. Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.
6. The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.
7. When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.



### **3. CELEBRATE**

Plan a celebration for one of these holidays.

Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>

OR Plan a celebration for the flag in your troop/group. You can begin by reading one of the books listed below:

Betsy Ross by Alexandra Wallner (Illustrator)

Coming To America : The Story Of Immigration by Betsy Maestro

F Is for Flag by Wendy Cheyette Lewison

Flag Day by Kelly Bennett

L Is for Liberty by Wendy Cheyette Lewison

The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan

The Pledge of Allegiance by Scholastic Inc , Francis Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Bellamy (Editor)

Red, White and Blue: The Story of the American Flag by John Herman

The Story of the Statue of Liberty by Betsy Maestro

You may want to create the stars listed below to help you celebrate your own "Flag Day".

#### Glitter Glue Yarn Stars

What You Need: white yarn, red, white and blue glitter glue, wax paper, scissors, fishing line (optional)

Directions: Lay a piece of wax paper on to your work surface. Cut yarn into 3" lengths, 5 for each star that you want to make. Use a paper plate or other dish to coat yarn pieces in glitter glue. Lay each piece of yarn on to the wax paper, making sure that each end touches, forming the star shapes. Make sure that the ends touch so that when they dry they will be attached to each other, keeping the star together. Allow stars to dry completely before removing them from the wax paper. Thread fishing line through the stars and hang.



#### **4. CHECK IT OUT:**

Take a tour of your town or neighborhood. What is your local city/town hall like? Is it historic? When was it built? Is there a statue located in your city/town that is dedicated to a local citizen? Who were they? Sculpt a statue of your own. You too could make your own family sculpture. It can be of someone you admire, yourself, or even your city/town hall or home. Sculpture has been used for thousands of years as a record of what happens to people and how they feel. Artists use materials like salt dough, wood, stone and even ice, glass and sand to make sculptures. Salt dough is great for sculpting. A sculptor might use tools or just their fingers to create the shape they want. Why don't you have a go? Try molding some salt dough with a range of tools - spoons, fingers, pastry cutters.

(The dough will last for a long time in an airtight container kept in the fridge)

Ingredients: 4 cups of plain flour, 1 cup of salt, 1-2 cups of hot water (from the tap), 2 teaspoons of vegetable oil,

Directions: Mix the salt and flour together, and gradually add the water until the dough becomes elastic, then add the vegetable oil. If the mixture is too sticky, add more flour, if it's too dry, add more water. Knead the dough until it's a good consistency, then use your imagination to make your art. To add interest you could add glitter or food coloring to the dough. When you have finished your sculpture you can bake them in the oven at 200 degrees. Baking times will depend on the size and thickness of your sculpture. You can paint your sculpture with poster paint when it has cooled.

#### **5. THROUGH THE YEARS**

Who lived in your community before you? How old is your neighborhood, town or city? Make a collage of your community or neighborhood. Include the people, places and things that make it special! You can use photographs, magazine pictures, words, hand drawn pictures. Just make it unique to your sense of what's important.

Favorite Places Collage Craft

Materials Needed:

Construction Paper or Cardstock, Magazines, Catalogs, Coloring books, Glue Stick, Scissors

Instructions: To make your own places collage, simply decide on a theme and get to crafting! Flip through magazines, catalogs, brochures, or even photos and choose pictures featuring places you'd like to visit or you have visited in your neighborhood or community. You can also choose somewhere you go often such as the library, play ground, or grocery store. Cut or tear out your desired pictures and arrange and glue them onto a piece of paper.

#### **6. DO GOOD**

Help the country by making your neighborhood or community a better place. Do a good deed for someone else. Learn about homeless shelters in your community. Contact one or more and offer to make "I Care" kits. If possible, visit the shelter to deliver your kits. "I Care" kits may include:

Combs, toothbrushes, dental floss, soap, tissues, petroleum jelly, nail clippers, brushes, toothpaste, mirrors, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, nail files, tweezers, safety pins, needles and thread, local bus schedules.

Then decide what you will use to hold your kits. Some possibilities include:

Plastic zipper bags, cloth bags (you can make small drawstring bags yourself), cardboard boxes, shoe boxes. Recycle whenever you can.