BOM (Block of the Month) July 2012
Friendly Flag

**Fabric:** blue for star background; white for star and stripes; red for stripes

**Cutting Directions:**
Cut white: (1) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" square
(1) 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle
(2) 2" x 2" squares
(3) 1 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangles
Cut red: (2) 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles
(3) 1 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangles
Cut blue: (2) 2" x 2" squares
(4) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares

**Make the flag:**
Make four half-square triangles by putting the 2” blue and white squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong sides of the white 2” squares. Sew a scant 1/4" on either side of the line, then cut on the line. Measure and trim each blue & white square to 1 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Assemble the star with the blue 1 1/2" squares in each corner, the white 1 1/2" square in the center, and the half-square triangles, as shown, for the star-points. Press seams to one side as you assemble the star block, making sure seams in adjacent rows are opposite so they fit together nicely and smoothly. Trim finished star block to 3 1/2" square. Set aside.

Sew together, alternating red and white, the 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" red and white rectangles, alternating color. The reds should be on the outside. Press seams toward the red, making sure they are opposite to the seams on the star, so they fit together nice and snug and smooth when stitched. The top of the flag is done and should measure 9 1/2" x 3 1/2".

Now sew the remaining 1 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangles of red and white together, ending up with red on one side and white on the other. This piece will be 6 1/2" x 9 1/2". Press seams as you go, trying to press seams toward the red. Sew this piece to the stars and stripes you've already assembled. Press seam allowance toward the striped bottom. Measure and trim to 9 1/2" if necessary.

**BOM basics:**
- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) so that the winner can use them for a border or other finishing touches.
- For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).
- Consider making a block or two in your favorite colors each month to keep for making a sampler quilt.
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
  Block of the Month
  Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
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  Minneapolis, MN 55414
- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
- Questions? Contact Kathie Simon-Frank (Kathie@umn.edu) or Jeanne LaMoore (jamoore@gmail.com).