Maryland -

This is an original pattern from www.quilterscache.com. According to their copyright, I can hand out patterns at guild but everyone else must get theirs from the website. Go to their website and look for the block called "Proof Through the Night". For those of you who do not know, the Star Spangled Banner was written by Frances Scott Key while he was on a ship in Baltimore harbor trying to arrange release of some Americans who were being held by the British, so I thought this block was appropriate for Maryland.

I am making some construction changes though, and I will send those out to everyone. The original pattern calls for 4 mitered corners which I know some of you really hate and I don't blame you. I quickly saw how to avoid those using what is called "partial seams", so I'm sending instructions for that version to everyone. These seams come in handy for other blocks too.

Supplies

Red – Cut one 3 ½ inch center square

Using the templates cut the remainder of the pieces. Notice you have a 1 inch "test square". When you print the templates make sure that square in exactly 1 inch. If it is not, either increase the size when you copy the templates or just cut them a bit bigger and trim them later. You do not need to cut out fabric for the inch square.

Construction –

Sew the blue pieces to the small white triangles as shown on the website instructions. Press toward the blue.

Sew the red pieces to the larger white pieces as shown. Press toward the red.

Sew the red/white piece to the blue/white piece to make a rectangle (this is different from the website where they make a trapezoid). Make sure your rectangles are 3 ½ x 6 ½ inches.

Partial seams -

Place the rectangle along one edge of the center square so the end with the blue/white triangle hangs of the edge. Starting at the edge, sew about 2 inches leaving the end with the blue unsewn.

Place another rectangle so it fits to the center square and the end of the first rectangle. Sew the entire length.

Add the other 2 rectangles the same way.

When done go back to the first seam and sew the rest of that seam closed.