# The Flags of the USA

Thirteen Colonies Flag (1777)
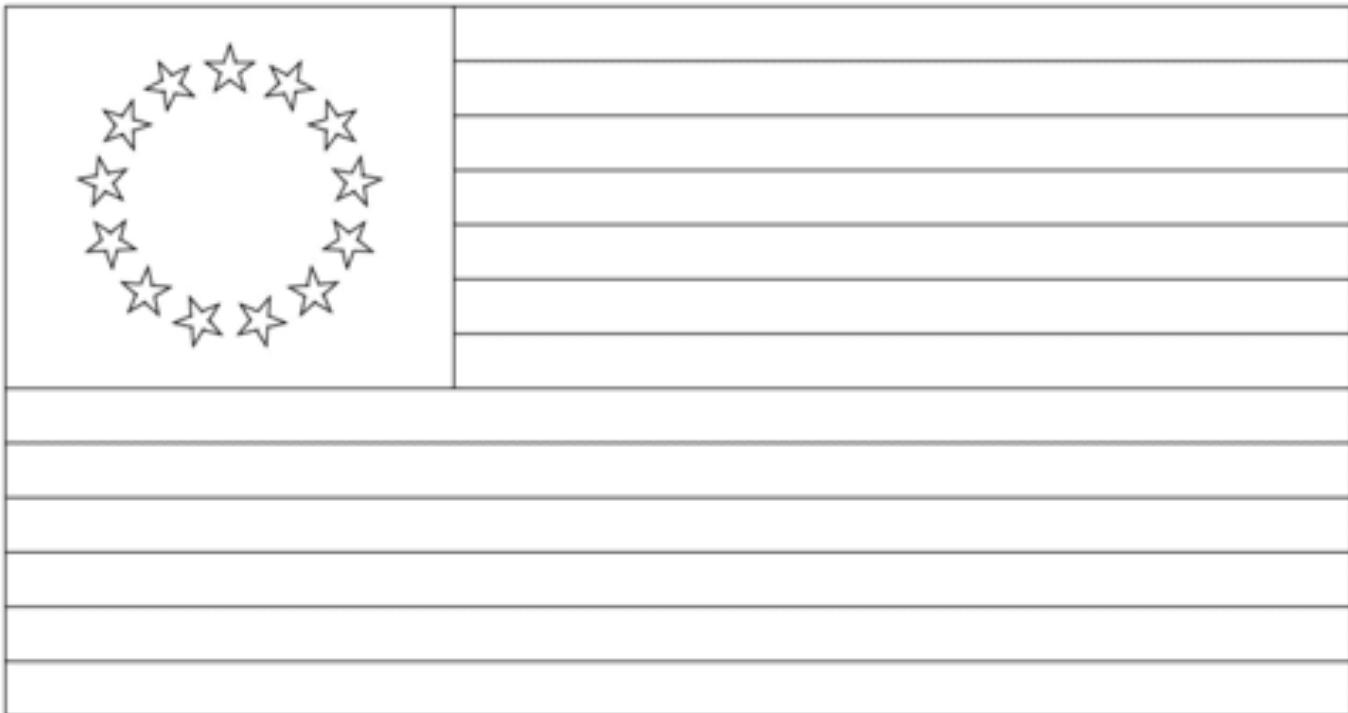
It was more likely Francis Hopkinson, a tailor and signer of the Declaration of Independence, not Betsy Ross, who made this flag in 1777 with 13 stars, one for each of the colonies: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island.

John Shaw Flag (1783)
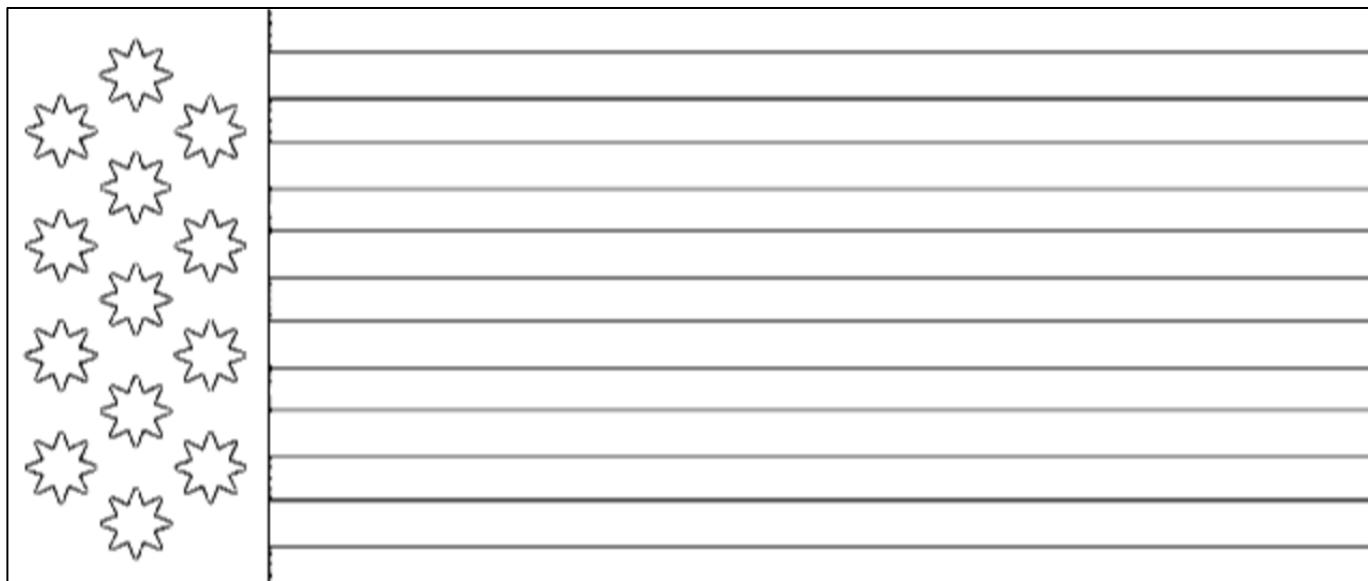
In 1783, Governor William Paca ordered a "pair of colors" to be made for Congress by Annapolis cabinetmaker and State House caretaker, John Shaw. The flag was hoisted for the President of Congress in December 1783. At the time Annapolis was the capital city of the United States and the first peacetime capital.

American Flag (1960)
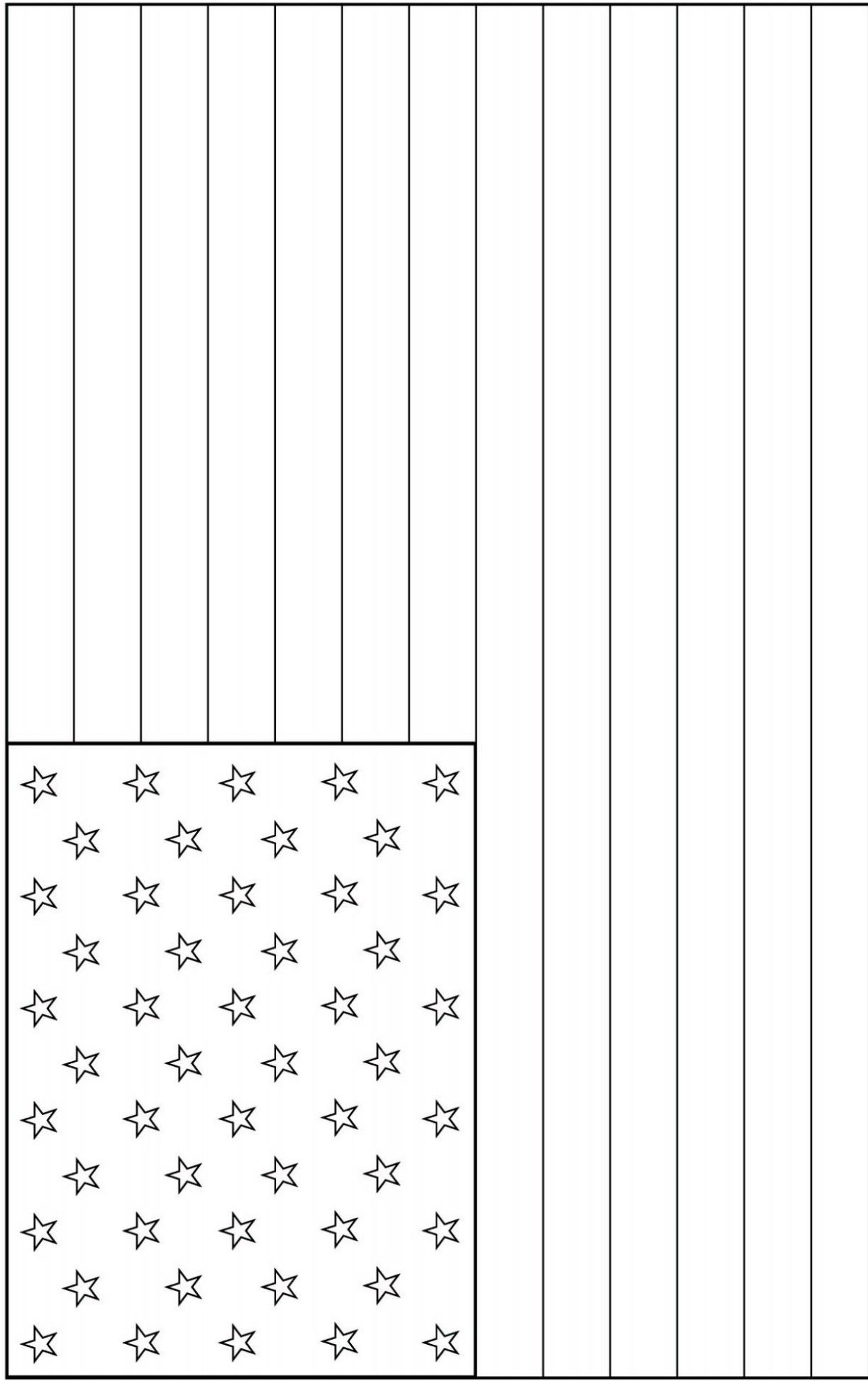
The current American flag with 50 stars and 13 stripes was designed in 1958 by a high school student from Ohio who submitted this design for a school project The U.S. flag is celebrated on June 14 of each year as National Flag Day. The stars and stripes are not the only symbols on the flag. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, while white represents purity and innocence, and blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.