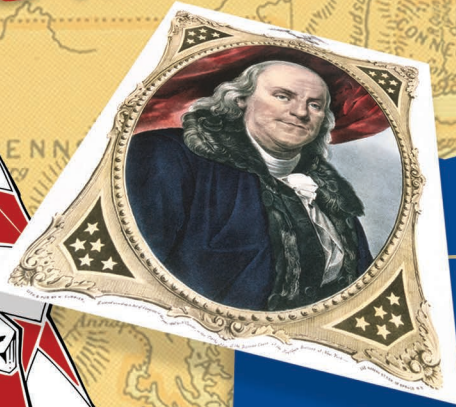
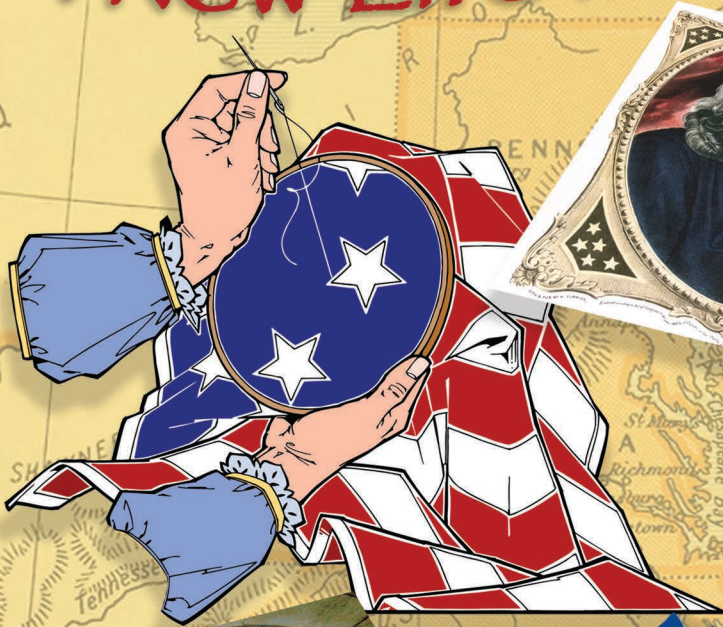


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# The 13 Colonies

A New Life in a New World!



**1607**  **1773**

**By Carole Marsh**





# A Timeline of Events



1606 King James I of England gives permission to establish colonies in the New World.



1607 The first permanent English colony is founded in Jamestown, Virginia.



1620 The Pilgrims, sailing on the Mayflower, land in Cape Cod and found Plymouth, Massachusetts.



1623 New Hampshire is founded.



1624 Dutch colonists arrive in New York.



1634 Catholics found Maryland.



1636 Rhode Island and Connecticut are founded.



1638 Swedish colonists arrive in Delaware and New Jersey.



1670 English settlers found Charles Towne in Carolina.



1682 Quakers found Pennsylvania.



1733 James Oglethorpe settles Georgia colony.



1775 The first shots of the American Revolution are fired in Massachusetts.



1776 The Declaration of Independence is written and signed.



# How the Colonies Formed



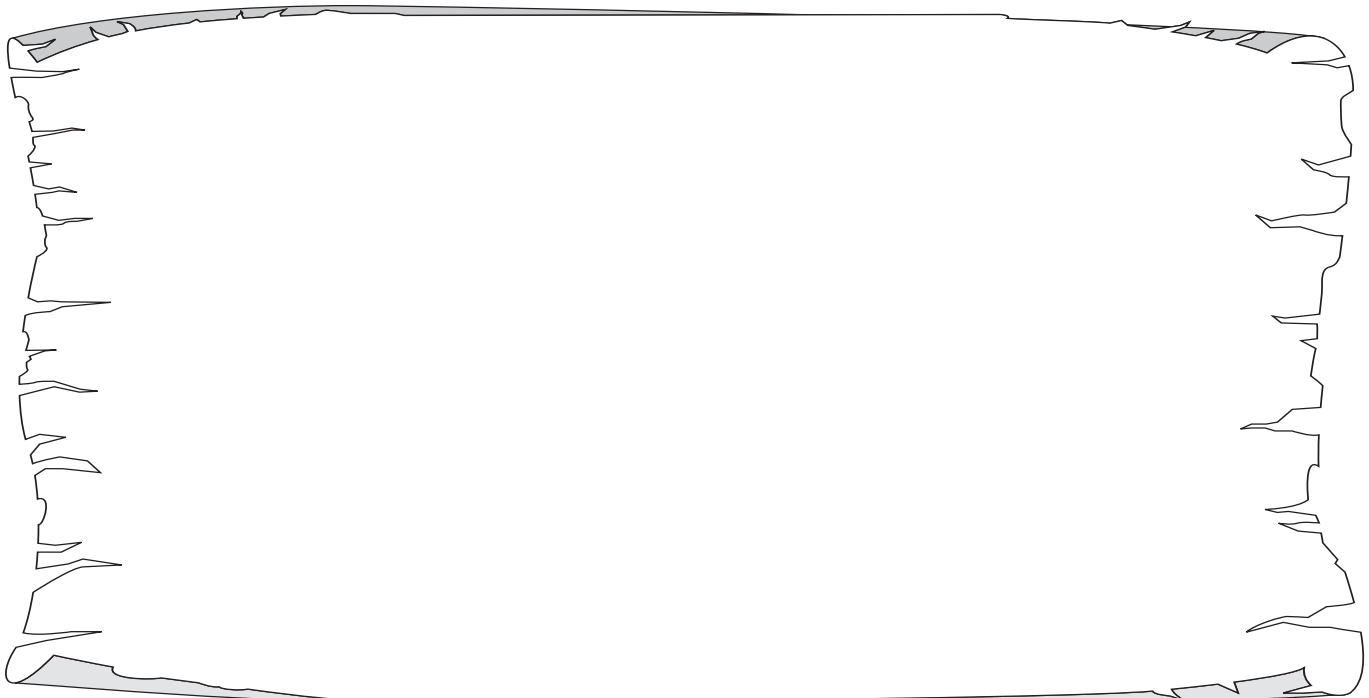
Europeans began coming to America to explore the region and fish the waters. Spain, France, the Netherlands, and England all claimed territory. The Spanish came searching for gold. The French came looking for furs. England was also looking for gold. Instead, they found tobacco.

Founding a colony was hard! Conditions were harsh and the land was different from what they had known. The first English colonists failed again and again. The first permanent settlement wasn't established until 1607 in Jamestown, Virginia.

Each of the original 13 colonies was founded for a different reason. Some colonists were looking for wealth. Some were looking for religious freedom. Some came to start over. Whatever their reasons, these early settlers were brave pioneers!

## The Power of Advertising!

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# The American Flag—13 Stars and 13 Stripes!

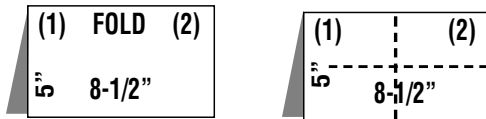
Betsy Ross worked as a seamstress and upholsterer. According to legend, in 1776 she was visited by George Washington, Robert Morris, and her husband's uncle George Ross. They asked her to make a flag for the new nation based on a sketch by Washington. She is supposed to have suggested the use of the five-pointed star rather than the six-pointed one chosen by Washington.

Have you ever wondered who designed the flag? Francis Hopkinson was a musician, a congressman from New Jersey, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He claimed to have designed the American flag. Is it true? Hopkinson submitted bills for his work, and the journals of the Continental Congress tell us that the delegates talked about whether or not he should be paid for the design of the Stars and Stripes! Hopkinson was never paid for the design, but there is plenty of evidence that he helped with it.

## FIVE-POINTED STARS!

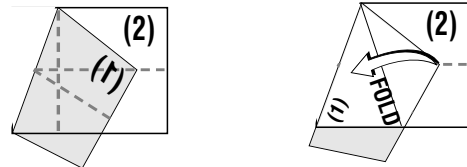
Here's how to make Betsy's five-pointed stars:

### STEP 1



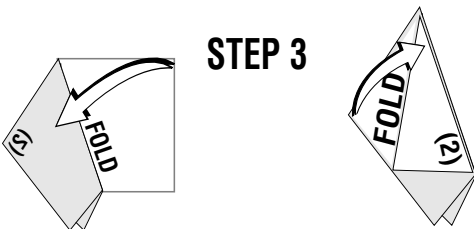
Fold an 8½ x 10-inch piece of paper in half. Leave it folded and then fold it in half from top to bottom and again from side to side. When you unfold it, you should see a cross.

### STEP 2



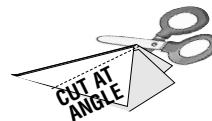
Take the upper left corner (1) and fold it from the center of the top to the crease on the horizontal line. Now take corner 1 and fold it back to the left until it lines up with the left side.

### STEP 3



Take the top right corner (2) and fold it over to the left. Then bring corner 2 back to the right and fold it again. The paper now looks a little like a necktie.

### STEP 4



With scissors, make a cut from corner 2 across the paper to a point about 1 inch down from the top point. When you unfold this snippet it should be a perfect five-pointed star just like Betsy made!

