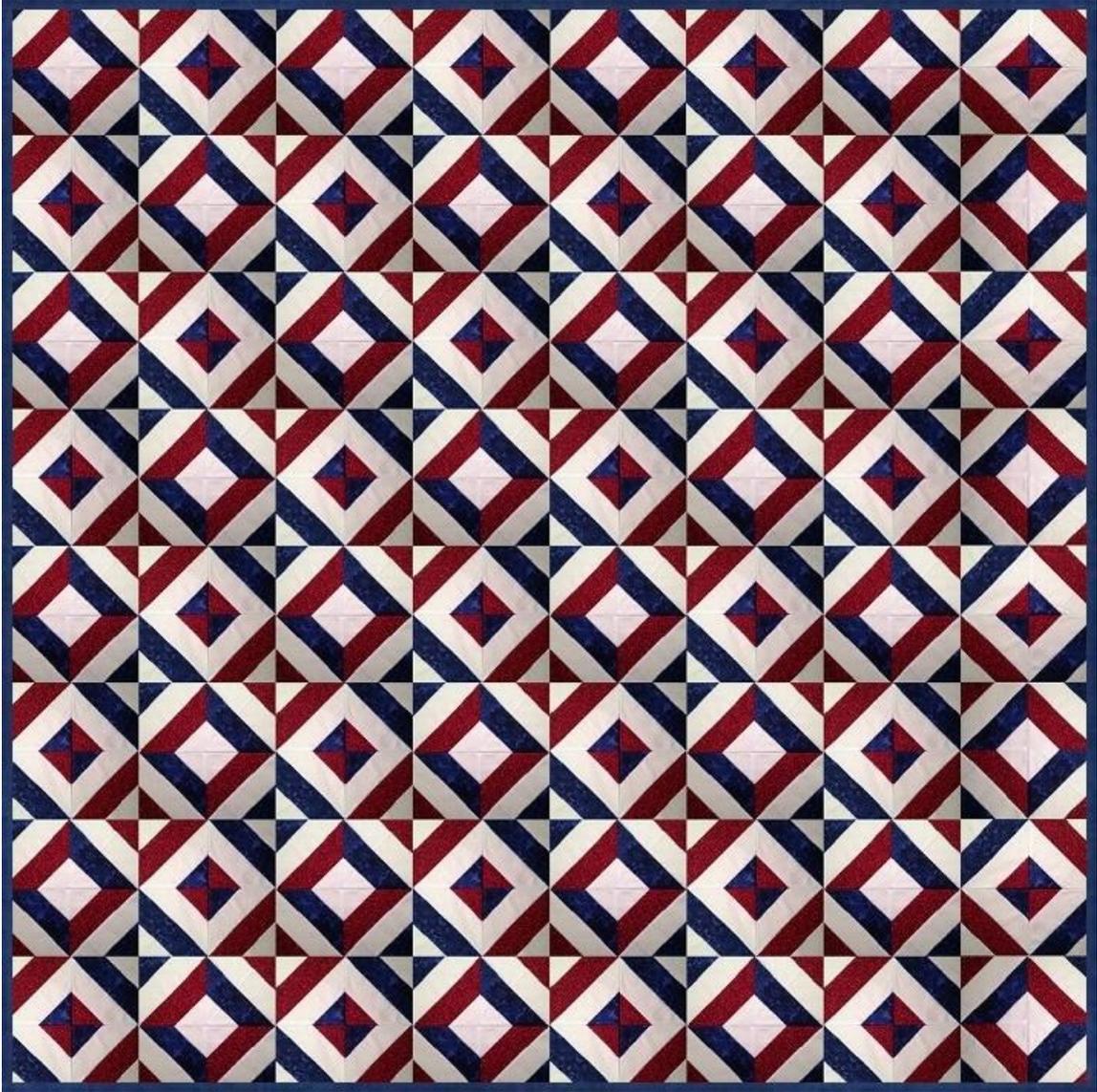


# American Beauty String Quilt

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Queen size with navy binding

This is a very easy quilt using tube-piecing. (So simple! Don't be afraid of it!) The pattern above can be made with as few as 2 different main (red, blue in this example) fabrics and a contrasting background color. Or use many colors for your main fabrics!

## How to Make the Blocks

First, all of the diamond blocks in this pattern are made up of two smaller "string" blocks.



And



*More on how to make these in a minute!*

Then, these 2 different blocks come together to make 2 different larger blocks.



Block A

And



Block B

That's all there is to making all of the blocks for this quilt! :D

## [Here's my tutorial for how to make the string blocks using tube piecing.](#)

For this pattern, all your tubes will be made using a red/white strip set, and a blue/white strip set (Step One in the string tutorial). When you sew your tube (Step Two in the tutorial), make sure they are alternated red-white-blue-white. **You'll never be sewing a red strip to a blue strip. (Or if using other colors, you'll never be sewing a color to a color.)**

From each tube, you'll get 8 string blocks, 4 each of the two different blocks.  
(Blocks are about 6 1/3")



And



One will have a longer red strip, and one will have a longer blue strip. That's the easiest way to keep track of which is which!

Next, to make Blocks A & B, you'll use 2 of each string block (4 blocks total). Simply turn them to the proper arrangement. (See below.) Blocks end up about 12".

**Block A**



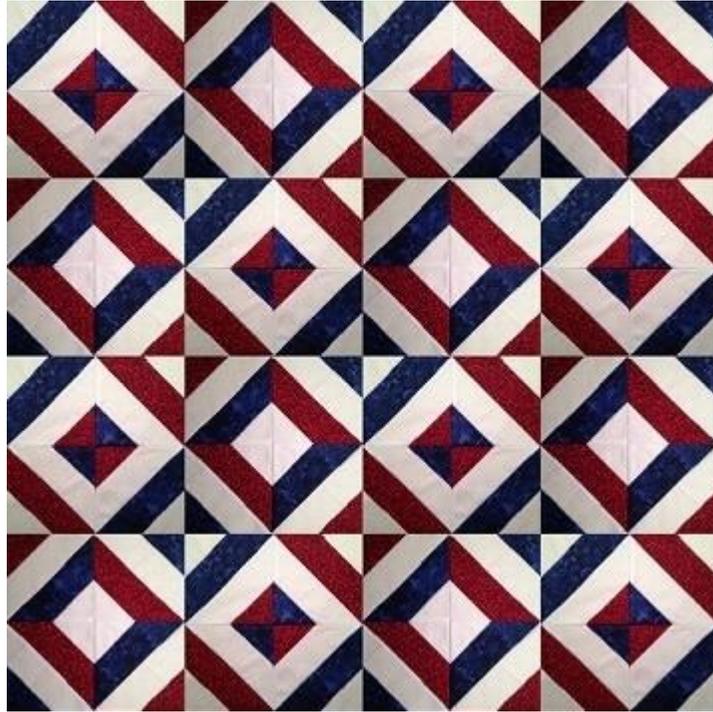
Arrange 2 of each string block with the white edge facing inward to create a white center diamond. Be sure you have a red triangle in one corner, and another red in the opposite corner, and blue in the other two corners.

**Block B**



Arrange 2 of each string block so that you have a white triangle pointing into each corner. Make sure your center diamond is alternated correctly (with a red opposite a red, and a blue opposite a blue).

Baby/Lap Size – 4x4 block layout, 48” x 48”

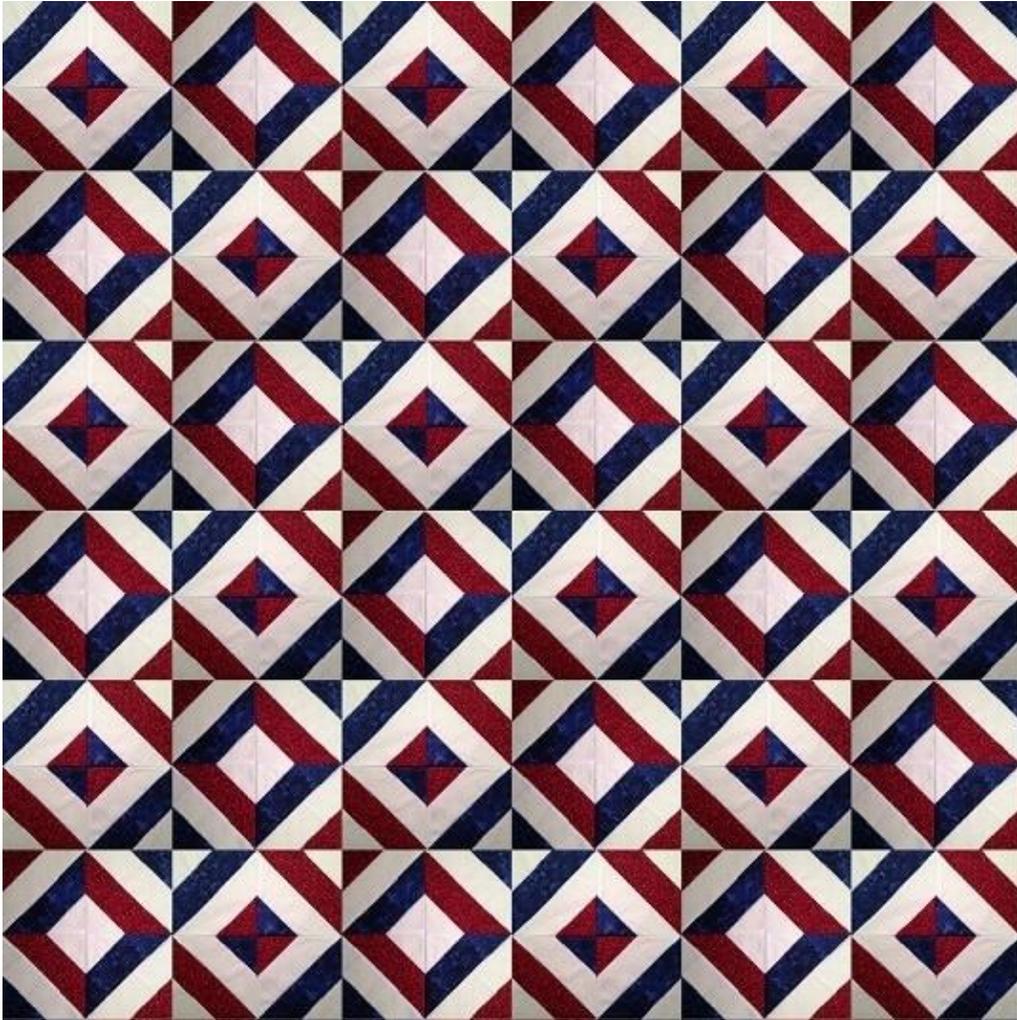


1. Make 16 2-strip sets (8 each of red/white and blue/white).
2. Make 8 tubes.
3. Cut 8 string blocks from each tube. Total of 64 from all tubes, 32 of each string block.
4. Make 8 each of Block A, and Block B.
5. Connect into rows of 4 alternating blocks. (Make 4)
6. Connect all 4 rows making sure to alternate them properly.

**Materials Needed:**

- 16 white jelly roll strips (1 20-strip [solid white roll](#))
- 8 each of red and blue (1 20-strip [red/blue/navy roll](#), or 1 each of 1 [red basic](#) and 1 [navy basic](#) as pictured)

## Large Throw Size – 6 x 6 Layout, 71” x 71”

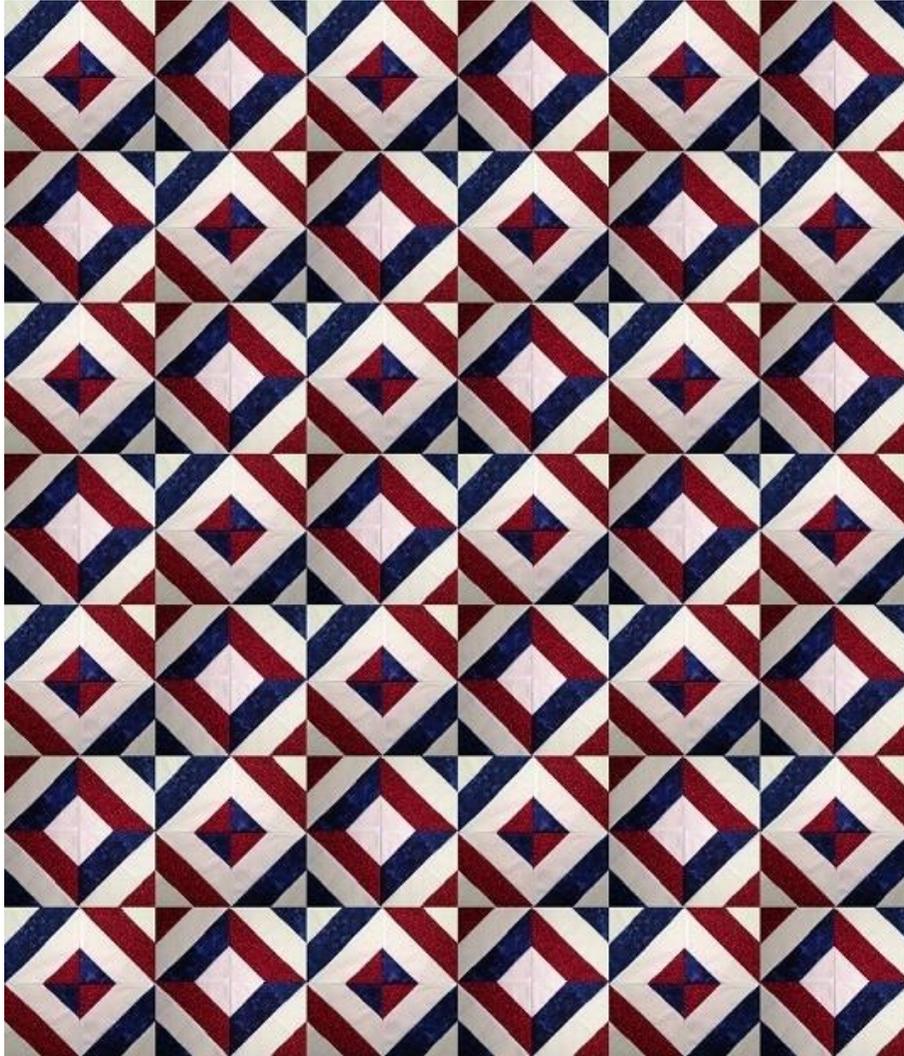


1. Make 36 2-strip sets (18 each of red/white and blue/white).
2. Make 18 tubes.
3. Cut 8 string blocks from each tube. Total of 144 from all tubes, 72 of each string block.
4. Make 18 each of Block A, and Block B.
5. Connect into rows of 6 alternating blocks. (Make 6)
6. Connect all 6 rows making sure to alternate them properly.

### Materials Needed:

- 36 white jelly roll strips (2 20-strip [solid white rolls](#))
- 18 each of red and blue (2 20-strip [red/blue/navy rolls](#), or 1 each of 1 [red basic](#) and 1 [navy basic](#) as pictured)

## Twin Size – 6 x 7 Layout, 71” x 82”

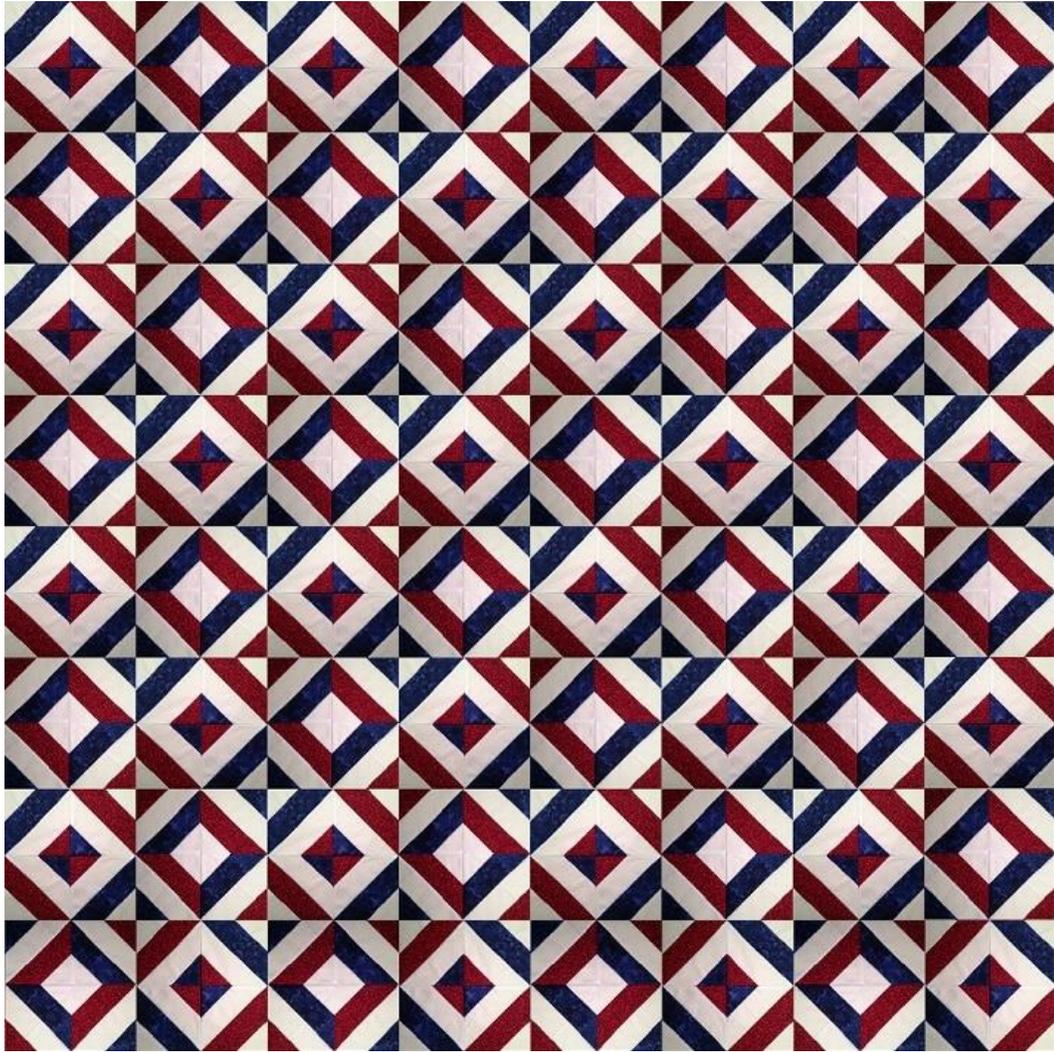


1. Make 42 2-strip sets (21 each of red/white and blue/white).
2. Make 21 tubes.
3. Cut 8 string blocks from each tube. Total of 168 from all tubes, 84 of each string block.
4. Make 21 each of Block A, and Block B.
5. Connect into rows of 6 alternating blocks. (Make 7)
6. Connect all 7 rows making sure to alternate them properly.

### Materials Needed:

- 42 white strips (3 20-strip [solid white rolls](#) – includes enough for border)
- 21 each of red and blue (3 20-strip [red/blue/navy rolls](#) or 2 each of [red basic](#) and [navy basic](#) as pictured)

## Queen Size – 8x8 Layout, 95” x 95”

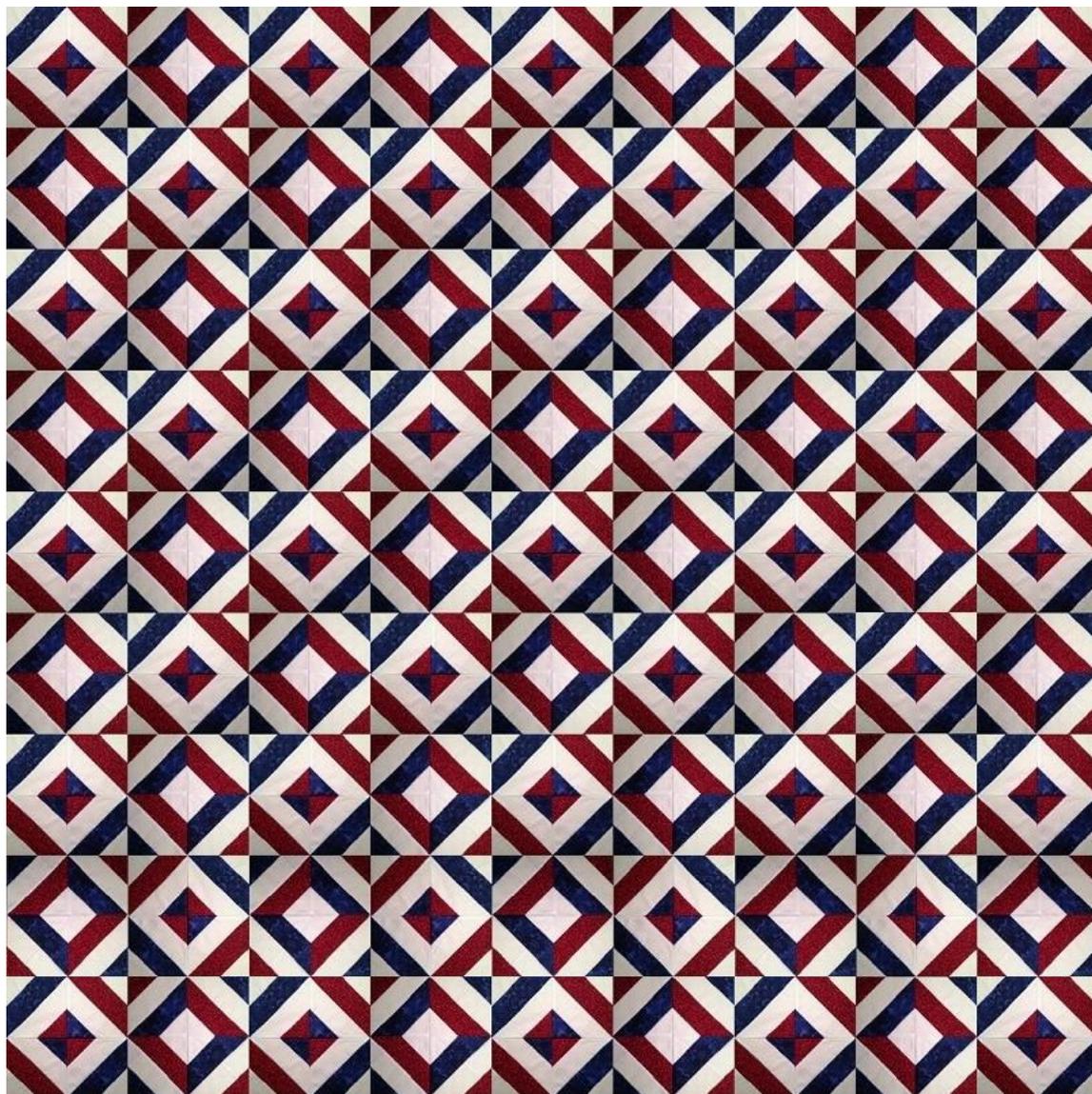


1. Make 64 2-strip sets (32 each of red/white and blue/white).
2. Make 32 tubes.
3. Cut 8 string blocks from each tube. Total of 256 from all tubes, 128 of each string block.
4. Make 32 each of Block A, and Block B.
5. Connect into rows of 8 alternating blocks. (Make 8)
6. Connect all 8 rows making sure to alternate them properly.

### Materials Needed:

- 64 white strips (4 20-strip [solid white rolls](#) – includes enough for border)
- 32 each of red and blue (4 20-strip [red/blue/navy rolls](#) or 2 each of [red basic](#) and [navy basic](#) as pictured)

## King Size – 9x9 Layout, 107” x 107”



1. Make 82 2-strip sets (41 each of red/white and blue/white).
2. Make 41 tubes.
3. Cut 8 string blocks from each tube. Total of 328 from all tubes, 164 of each string block.
4. Make 40 of Block A, and 41 Block B.

5. Using 9 blocks per row, make 5 rows beginning and ending with Block B, alternating in between, and 4 rows beginning and ending with Block A, alternating in between. (As in picture above)
  
6. Connect all 9 rows making sure to alternate them properly. Make sure you begin and end with the rows starting with Block B. Block B should be in all 4 corners of your quilt when completed.

**Materials Needed:**

- 82 white strips (5 20-strip [solid white rolls](#) – includes enough for border)
- 41 each of red and blue (5 20-strip [red/blue/navy rolls](#) or 3 each of [red basic](#) and [navy basic](#) as pictured)