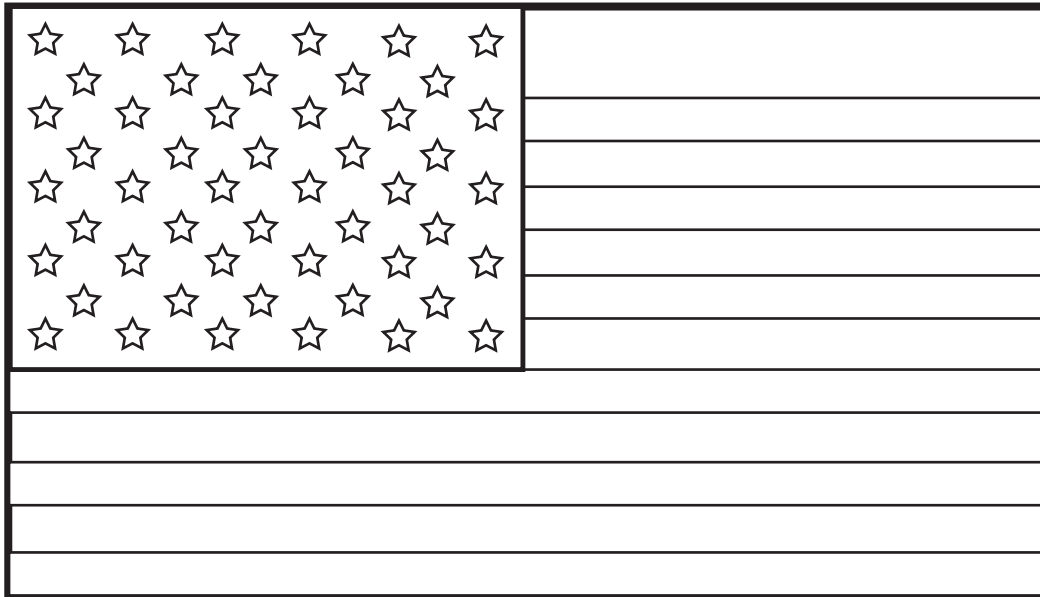


The American Flag



- ★ The American flag has 50 stars which represents each state in the United States. The 13 stripes stand for the original 13 colonies.
- ★ The stripes on the American flag are red and white. The stars are white on a blue background. Red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor. White symbolizes Purity and Innocence. Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.

Flag Code - how to treat an American flag

The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset.

If the flag is displayed at night, it should be illuminated.

Never allow the flag to touch the ground or the floor.

The flag should be raised quickly.

To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

The flag is often flown at half-staff to show respect for someone who has died.