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Our Flag represents a living country -  
the U.S.A. - and is considered  
*a living thing!*

- When you take your Flag out to fly, hold it carefully. You are holding the whole country in your hands.
- It needs your care, treat it well.
- Display it so it always looks its best.





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# The Flag is coming down the street! Do you know what to do?

- Face the Flag. When it is 6 steps away... You stand at attention with your right hand over your heart...until it is 6 steps past you.
- People in uniform, and veterans, salute the Flag.
- You also show the same respect when our National Anthem is played.





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# Good morning Flag! Good night Flag!

- Always raise the Flag briskly - Good morning!
- Always lower the Flag respectfully - Good night.
- Never let the Flag touch the ground.
- Store the Flag so it's dry and safe and won't get torn.





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## Flying our Flag at Home

- Use a horizontal or diagonal staff from a window or doorway or wall.
- Another good way to fly a Flag is on a flagpole.
- Our Flag is always at the top, first and above any others on the same staff or pole.
- The Flag should fly free in the wind, away from bushes, trees and wires.





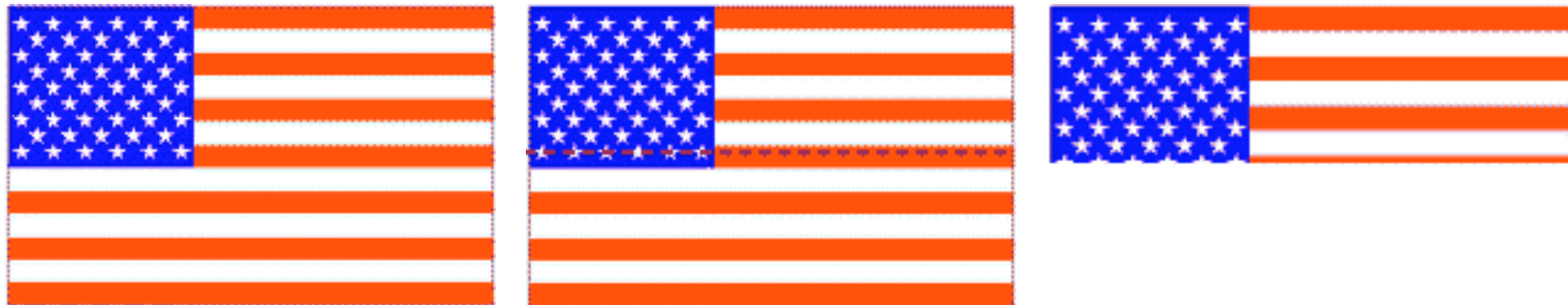
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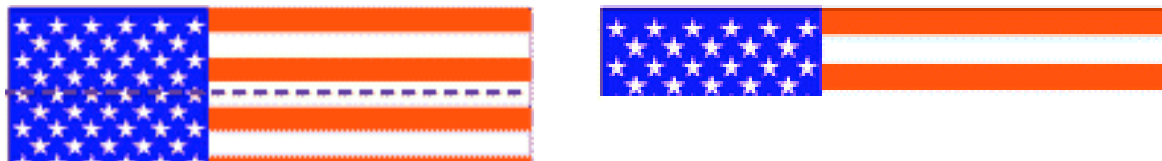


# Folding our Flag

Fold the Flag in half lengthwise.



Fold the Flag in half lengthwise again.





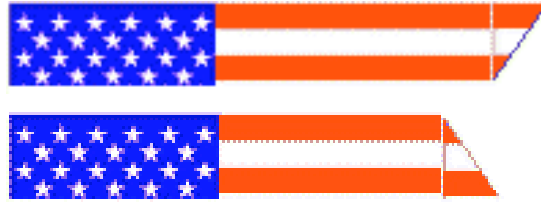
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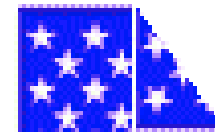


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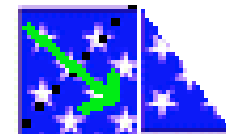
Fold up a triangle, starting at the striped end...and repeat.



...until only the end of the union is exposed.



Then fold down the square into a triangle and tuck inside the folds.





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## What do I do when my Flag is worn out?

- When your Flag is no longer in a condition to be displayed with honor, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, by burning.
- Best - Flag Disposal Ceremonies are held during the year by The American Legion and the VFW.
- Or - burning it in a private place, in a dignified ceremony.



## Presenting the Flag as a Gift

- Of course, anyone can give a Flag as a special gift.
- But, a Flag Presentation is always a ceremony. Some are brief; some are elaborate programs.
- It begins with a speaker announcing who is presenting the Flag and to whom the Flag is being presented, and why.
- The Flag is presented properly folded.
- The person receiving the Flag makes an acceptance speech.