

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with a Community Quilt!

The Mission Viejo Library invites our community to help create a special Community Quilt celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America in 2026.

We are inviting quilters, sewists, and community members of all skill levels to contribute a quilt block that will become part of a community commemorative quilt project. Final unveiling scheduled for fall, 2026.

Whether you are an experienced quilter or brand new to sewing, this is a fun and meaningful way to be part of a historic community project!

Note:

Fabric blocks submitted will be retained by the Mission Viejo Library and will **not** be returned to the submitter. Not every fabric block may be used in the final design. If your block is included, we will not be notifying contributors whose pieces were used.

However, everyone who submits a fabric block will be invited to attend the unveiling of the completed community quilt scheduled for fall, 2026.

How to Participate

Create one 9-patch quilt block using 2½" squares using the instructions below. Each block will be combined with others to form a large quilt inspired by the American flag.

We welcome scrappy fabrics and patriotic prints! Please choose designs that are family-friendly and celebrate our community.

Your submitted block should measure approximately: 6½" x 6½" unfinished

Cutting Instructions:

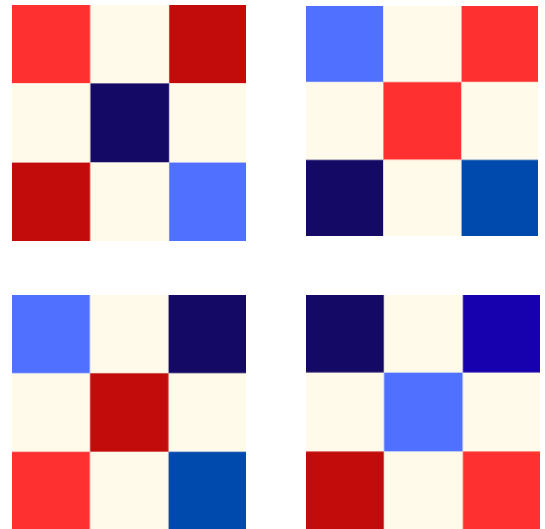
Cut 5 - 2½" x 2½" squares of medium or dark RED or BLUE fabric

Cut 4 - 2½" x 2½" squares of WHITE or CREAM fabric ½

Block Layout (center and corners = red or blue)

Red/Blue	White/Cream	Red/Blue
White/Cream	Red/Blue	White/Cream
Red/Blue	White/Cream	Red/Blue

Examples of Block Variations:



Sewing Instructions:

1. Sew the squares into three rows of three squares.
 - a. Row 1 – Red/Blue > White/Cream > Red/Blue
 - b. Row 2 – White/Cream > Red/Blue > White/Cream
 - c. Row 3 - Red/Blue > White/Cream > Red/Blue
2. Press seams toward the dark fabric to help “nest” your seams and match up corners.
3. Sew the 1st row to the 2nd row.
4. Sew the 3rd row to the 2nd row, then press.

Your submitted block should measure approximately **6½" x 6½" unfinished** (6" finished when sewn into the quilt).

Block Deadline

Return your completed block by **Monday, August 31**

Blocks may be dropped off at:

Mission Viejo Library – Ask Here Desk

100 Civic Center

Mission Viejo, CA 92691

949-452-8379

Orange Quilt Bee

628 E. Katella Ave.

Orange, CA 92867

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Prototype of completed quilt: