

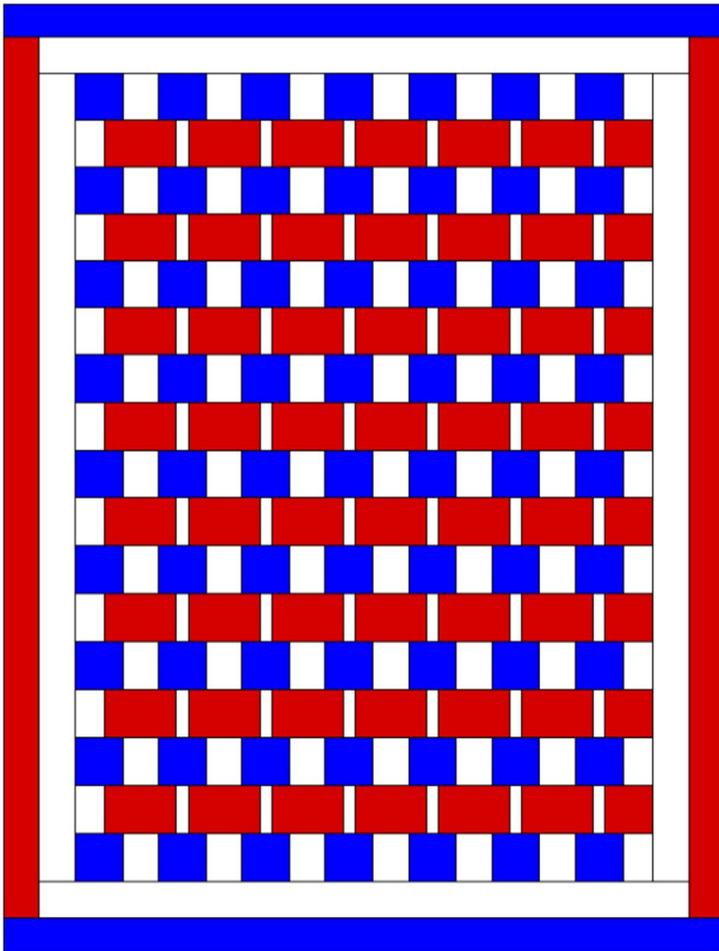
A HERO'S WEAVE



Quilt pattern found in
Wrapped Up in Christmas Joy written
by Janice Lynn, October, 2020.

Original design by Dennis L. Taylor
Pattern adapted by Ann Parsons Holte
Finished size 60 1/2" x 80" including
borders

This project should be led by a mentor, an experienced quilter, who will guide the group through the process of making a Quilt of Valor for the Under Our Wings program. Under the mentor's leadership, the group should be able to make the blocks and put them together to create a quilt top in one day.



Helpful hints

Read through all instructions before you begin.

WOF = width of fabric
RST = right sides together
Sew with 1/4" seams

Fabric Requirements

Red: 2 yards
White: 2 yards
Blue: 1 1/2 yards
Backing: 5 yards
Binding: 3/4 yard

Cutting

Except for the borders, all fabric for this quilt can be cut from 4 1/2" WOF strips. A good idea is to cut and set aside the strips for the borders first.

For Borders

Cut and attach 3 1/2" x WOF strips as follows to make long border strips:

- (7) White 3 1/2" x WOF
- (4) Red 3 1/2" x WOF
- (3) Blue 3 1/2" x WOF

Because you will save these borders for later, pin a label to each set of borders to remind you where they go. From these long strips, cut:

- (2) White 3 1/2" x 68 1/2" for Left/Right Inner Borders
- (2) White 3 1/2" x 55" for Top/Bottom Outer Borders
- (2) Red 3 1/2" x 74 1/2" for Left/Right Outer Borders
- (2) Blue 3 1/2" x 61" for Top/Bottom Outer Borders

For Rows

After the borders are cut, all remaining fabric is cut into 4 1/2" x WOF strips.

The mentor can cut the squares and rectangles beforehand, as noted below:

From Red:

- (48) 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles labeled R1
- (8) 4 1/2" squares labeled R2

From Blue:

- (63) 4 1/2" squares labeled B1

From White:

- (71) 4 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles labeled W1
- (48) 4 1/2" x 1 1/2" rectangles labeled W2

Preparing to Sew

There are no "blocks" in this quilt, only (17) rows of rectangles: (9) Blue+White and (8) Red+White. Make sets of the pieces needed for each row.

Make (9) Blue + White Row Sets, each containing:

- (7) B1 squares
- (7) W1 rectangles

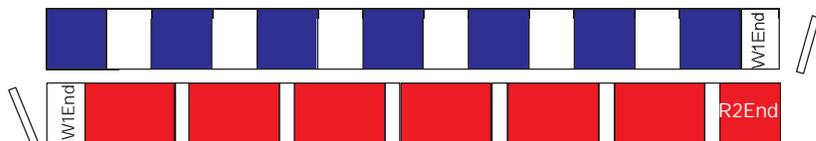
Make (8) Red + White Row Sets, each containing:

- (6) R1 rectangles
- (6) W2 rectangles
- (1) R2 square (labeled R2 end)
- (1) W1 rectangle (labeled W1 end)

Pin the row sets together for sewing.

Attaching the Rows

- As you attach the pieces for each row, notice that each row has a 4 1/2" x 3 1/2" white rectangle marked W1 end
- In addition, the red rows have a 4 1/2" square marked R2 end at the opposite end from the W1 rectangle
- These "end" units are important for aligning the rows to each other
- The other important task: after each row is assembled, cut off 1/2" from the white W1 end pieces that fall at the beginning or end of the rows



Assembling the Quilt

Attach the rows, starting and ending with a Blue+ White row and alternating with the Red+White rows.

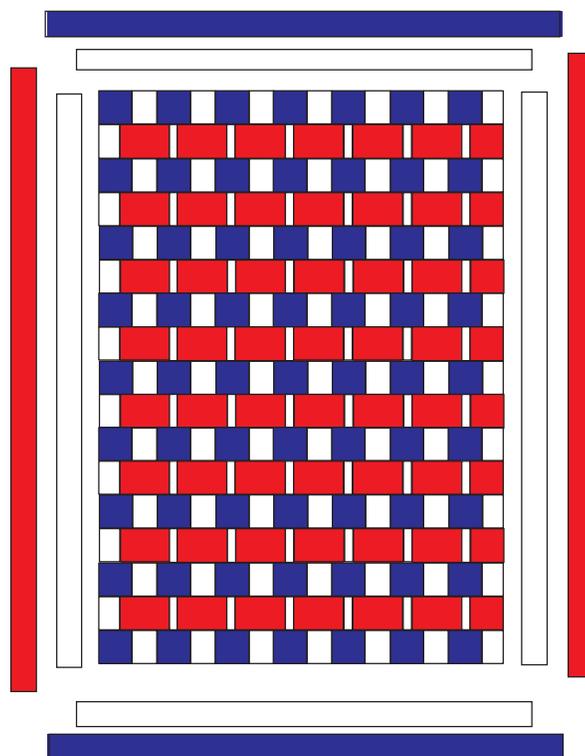
The spacing of the rows depends on having cut off 1/2" from each white W1 rectangle that falls at the end of a row.

If the rows don't seem symmetrical, this might be the problem.

Adding Borders

Press the completed quilt top and attach the borders in the following order, pressing after each pair is attached:

- White Left/Right Inner
- White Top/Bottom Inner
- Red Left/Right Outer
- Blue Top/Bottom Outer



Completing the Quilt

The quilt top should now measure 61" x 80 1/2"

Backing for this quilt should measure 68" x 88"

For binding, cut and attach (8) 2 1/2" x WOF strips and attach with a diagonal seam, end-to-end.