Fourth of July!

Let your patriotism shine with this scrappy red, white, and blue lap quilt. The use of simple 4-patch blocks and those with stitch-and-trim corners make it an easy quilt, but one that will dazzle the eye and warm the heart. Get ready to snuggle under the fireworks!

Quilt Size: 60” x 72”

The large lap quilt shown here is made using 80 blocks set 8 blocks across by 10 blocks down.

Two bold color families, medium to dark reds and blues, and a common white or light fabric will make this a spectacular quilt. Because it uses scrappy fabrics, it’s the perfect project for a collection of red and blue fat quarters. Feel free to scrappy up those neutrals in the background as well!
BLOCK A (make 40)
Make four-patch blocks using (2) different red and (2) different blue 3 ½” squares. For easy matching, press seams in alternating directions. Completed 4-patch blocks should each measure 6 ½” square.
BLOCK B (make 38, 1 red & 1 blue triangle) and BLOCK C (make 2, both triangles are red)
You will use the stitch-and-trim technique to make triangle in two corners of the B and C blocks.

On the back of the 3 ½” squares, draw a diagonal pencil line from one corner to the other. This will be your stitching line.

With right sides together, place a red 3 ½” square in the corner of the large 6 ½” square, lining up the edges and outside corner. Sew on the pencil line from corner to corner as illustrated. Trim off the corner, leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press toward the triangle. Repeat in the opposite corner using a blue 3 ½” square. Trim and press toward triangle. Blocks should each measure 6 ½” square. For Block C, use 3 ½” red fabric squares in both corners.

Assembling the Quilt:
Finish your quilt by arranging the A, B, and C blocks 8 blocks across by 10 blocks down (arranging blocks as illustrated at the top of this page—watch position of red and blue fabrics—the two C blocks are positioned in the center as shown here).

Borders and Finishing
Borders #1 is made by cutting (6) 2 ½” x width of fabric strips
Border #2 is made by cutting (6) 4 ½” x width of fabric strips

Quilt as desired and bind using (8) 2 ½” x width of fabric strips to make French-fold binding.