



**Category:** Crafts

**Sub-Category:** Holidays

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Time Required:** 2 days

## Materials

Midwest Products Co., Inc.

- 1/8" x 6" x 12" Craft Plywood (Stock #5304)
- 3mm x 11-1/2" x 11-1/2" Cellfoam 88 (Stock #5920)
- Balsa Economy Bag (Stock #19)
- Strip Bag (Stock #15)
- Super Easy Cutter (Stock #1128)
- Super Sander – Fine Grit (Stock #1130)
- Hobby & Craft Ruler (Stock #1125)

Royal Brushes

Available through 800-247-2211; [www.royalbrush.com](http://www.royalbrush.com)

- #1425 – 3, 10 SG Bristle Bright
- # 700 - 1/2 SG Golden Taklon Glaze Wash

DecoArt®

Available through 800-367-3047; [www.decoart.com](http://www.decoart.com)

Americana Acrylics

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Gold 09  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep Burgundy 128    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country Red 018  | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Buttermilk 164 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crimson Tide 021 | <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Blue 086     |

- Weathered Wood Crackling Medium DAS8

- Matt Sealer/Finisher DAS13

Beacon Adhesives

Available through 800-865-7238, [www.beaconcreates.com](http://www.beaconcreates.com)

- Kid's Choice Glue

Clearsnap, Inc.

Available through 800-448-4862; [www.clearsnap.com](http://www.clearsnap.com)

- Chalk Ink – Maroon

Hero Arts Rubber Stamps, Inc.

Available through 510-652-6055; [www.heroarts.com](http://www.heroarts.com)

- Designer Flourishes #LL221

Miscellaneous Supplies

- Karen Foster Design, Inc. Snap Stamps  
Small casual #00372
- Karen Foster Design, Inc. Snap Stamps  
Small formal #00376
- Drill with 1/16" Drill Bit
- 1/2" wide Ivory Ribbon – one 18" length
- Two large Red Beads
- Two large Blue Beads
- Large Alphabet Beads to spell out FREEDOM
- Pencil
- Craft Knife
- Self Healing Mat
- Small hand towel/rag

## Instructions

Base Coat and Crackle Plaque

1. Sand all edges of 6" x 12" Craft Plywood plaque. Using the #10 Brush, follow the directions on the Weathered Wood to create the crackle effect on the plaque. The base coat is Antique Gold and the top coat is Light Buttermilk, let dry

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## Blue Field of Flag

- ❑ 2. Select a 3" wide piece of Balsa Wood and with the Hobby & Craft Ruler mark off a 3" square. Score the line with a craft knife on the self healing mat until you cut through. Sand with Super Sander. Base coat top and edges with Uniform Blue, using the 1/2" Wash Brush, let dry.

## Red Stripes of Flag

- ❑ 3. Using photo as a guide, select a variety of strips and dowels from the Balsa Economy and Strip Economy Bags. With the Super Easy Cutter, cut five strips/dowels 8-5/8" long and 5 strips/dowels 11-1/2" long. NOTE: piece together a 9" length and a 2-1/2" length to create one strip/dowel that is 11-1/2" long. Sand all pieces with the Super Sander.

Base coat three strips Deep Burgundy, three strips Crimson Tide and four strips Country Red, with the 1/2" Wash Brush. Let all pieces dry.

## Stamping Red Stripes

- ❑ 4. Lay out blue and red pieces on the 6" x 12" Craft Plywood to dry fit.

Stamp the first, third, seventh and tenth red strip with the Designer Flourishes stamp set and the Maroon Chalk Ink. Using both sets of Snap Stamps, spell the word FREEDOM and stamp on the second strip, repeatedly, from left to right across the entire length, using the Maroon Chalk Ink. Spell LIBERTY and stamp on the fourth strip. Spell INDEPENDENCE and stamp the eighth strip.

## Stars

- ❑ 5. Using the patterns provided, cut two small stars and two large stars from the Cellfoam with a craft knife on a self healing mat. Use Super Sander to smooth any rough edges.

Using the #3 Brush, follow the directions on the Weathered Wood to create the crackle effect on the stars. The base coat is Antique Gold and the top coat is Light Buttermilk, let dry.

## Assembly

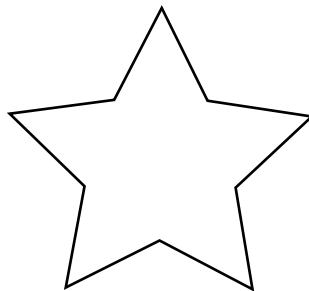
- ❑ 6. Using the Kid's Choice Glue, adhere the blue field to the Craft Plywood, then the stars to the blue field. Glue red strips/dowels in order, using photo as a guide, to Craft Plywood, making certain that all pieces fit tightly. Layer with small hand towel/rag and place several large books or phone books on top, let dry overnight.

## Finishing

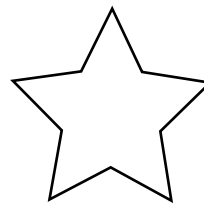
- ❑ 7. Spray two thin coats of Matt Sealer/Finisher on top of flag, let dry between coats.

Drill a hole in the top left and top right corner of the flag.

Using photo as a guide, string one red, one blue, FREEDOM, one blue and one red bead on to the 18" length of ivory ribbon. Thread each end of ribbon through each hole in flag and knot on the back to secure. Place a small amount of Kid's Choice Glue on each knot to prevent fraying.



Large Star  
Cut Two



Small Star  
Cut Two