



Lee Johnson's Wavy American Flag

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I made this as a tribute for my Dad--a WWII Coast Guard Veteran still kicking at 93! I hope others will make this flag for the special veteran in their life or for veterans that have no one to make one for them!

Finished size approx 68" x 55"

Instructions and Materials Used:

Yarn used: Loops and Threads Charisma

Bulky #5

Nine skeins of Red

Eight skeins of Off White

Five skeins of Dark Blue

Hook 8.0 mm / L

Any yarn can be used to make this flag if you follow these basic instructions. Just be sure your chain is multiples of 12 as directed in the YouTube video for the Lazy Wave Pattern and make it to the length you desire. Using these instructions, you can make a smaller or bigger flag. This is a very easy stitch pattern to follow!

Stitch Pattern Used: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MumA4\\_lEiGs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MumA4_lEiGs)

Video Demonstration by Michael Sellick – The Crochet Crowd (written pattern in YouTube description)

Chain 144 + 3 for a total of 147 (or adjust to your desired length)

Follow Crochet Crowd instructions creating stripes. Start with 5 rows of red, then 5 rows of white, alternating colors until you have 6 stripes total. (3 red stripes and 3 white stripes) Each strip measured approximately 4 ¼ inches.

Fold afghan in half to find the center. Mark the top one “wave” over to the left from the center with a stitch marker. The blue will go in this upper left hand corner.

Starting with the 7<sup>th</sup> stripe, tie in the blue (follow Crochet Crowd video if instructions needed). The blue section should be tied in and will always complete the top two stitches of the wave that get 2DC each when starting the blue. No matter which direction you are coming from always start the blue when you get to the point of putting 2DC in one stitch. (I didn’t want to count and this worked perfectly for me.)

**\*\*Do not tie off either color when switching. Just drop the yarn and pick up when you are back to that color.\*\*** (Or you’re going to have A LOT of end to weave in!)

Continue until you have 13 stripes. (7 red and 6 white)

## **Stars**

Instructions and Materials Used:

Red Hearth Super Saver Jumbo

One skein of Soft White (only used a portion, but didn’t want to run out!)

Hook size used 3.75/F (Adjust hook size as needed to ensure that all 50 stars will fit!)

Free Star Pattern Used: “Simple Star” – Mariaworks Ravelry  
<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/5-pointed-simple-star>

Make 50 stars according to star pattern instructions.

Sew on using yarn or thread, ensuring that the middle and each of the 5 points is securely attached (or the stars will curl)! Yarn will show more than thread!

PLEASE BE AWARE: the back side of the afghan will not have a finished look unless you very carefully only go through the middle stitches!! While I did not take the time, you could make 100 stars and do front and back to have both sides finished. I tied my stars on with the yarn and this is visible from behind. Using thread would make it much less visible, so I would recommend that approach, and is how I would do if I make another.

The WWII Coast Guard patch was purchased from Amazon, but I’m sure there are many places that sell patches of this type.



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