



BETSY ROSS

In 1776 General George Washington, along with three members of the Continental Congress, paid a visit to Betsy Ross. Betsy was a seamstress, skilled with the needle and thread. She had sewn ruffles and cuffs for the general before, so when a flag was needed for the new nation he went straight to Betsy. Washington showed her a small sketch of a flag with six-point stars but Betsy, being quick with her scissors, showed him how a five-point star could be cut quickly from a properly folded piece of cloth. They liked the idea and left Betsy to create the first flag for the United States of America.