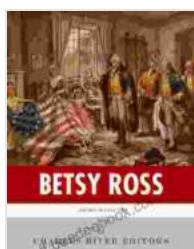


# Betsy Ross: An American Legend

Betsy Ross was an American upholsterer who is credited with sewing the first American flag. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 1, 1752. Her father, Samuel Griscom, was a shipwright, and her mother, Rebecca Griscom, was a devout Quaker. Betsy had six siblings, and the family lived in a modest home on Arch Street in Philadelphia.



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Betsy Ross received a basic education, and she learned to sew from her mother. In 1773, she married John Ross, a cabinetmaker. The couple had two daughters, but John died in 1776 during the Revolutionary War.

After her husband's death, Betsy Ross continued to work as an upholsterer. In 1777, she was approached by a group of three men, including George Washington, John Adams, and Robert Morris. They asked her to sew a flag for the new United States of America. Betsy Ross agreed, and she created

a flag with 13 stars and 13 stripes, representing the 13 colonies that had declared independence from Great Britain.

The flag that Betsy Ross sewed was flown for the first time on June 14, 1777, at the Battle of Fort Mifflin. The flag was a symbol of unity and independence for the American colonists, and it has remained a cherished symbol of the United States ever since.

Betsy Ross continued to work as an upholsterer until her death in 1836. She was a respected member of her community, and she was known for her patriotism and her skill as a seamstress. Betsy Ross is considered to be one of the most important figures in American history, and her legacy lives on today.

### **The Betsy Ross House**

The Betsy Ross House is a historic house in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, that is believed to be the home where Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag. The house was built in 1740, and it was purchased by Betsy Ross and her husband in 1776. The house is a two-story brick building with a gambrel roof. It has been restored to its original condition, and it is now a museum that is open to the public.

### **The Betsy Ross Bridge**

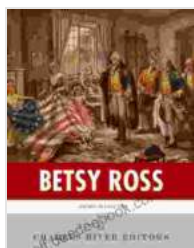
The Betsy Ross Bridge is a suspension bridge that spans the Delaware River between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Camden, New Jersey. The bridge was built in 1976, and it is named after Betsy Ross. The bridge is a major transportation artery, and it carries over 100,000 vehicles per day.

### **The Betsy Ross Stamp**

The Betsy Ross stamp is a postage stamp that was issued by the United States Postal Service in 1952 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Betsy Ross's birth. The stamp features a portrait of Betsy Ross, and it is one of the most popular stamps ever issued by the United States Postal Service.

## Betsy Ross: A Legacy of Patriotism

Betsy Ross is a true American legend. Her story is one of patriotism, determination, and skill. She is remembered as the woman who sewed the first American flag, and her legacy lives on today in the many symbols of American independence that bear her name.



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