

# CountrySampler®

## Uncle Sam Wall Hanging

Turn an inexpensive mophead and a few common supplies into a patriotic display to enliven your entry for the Fourth of July.

### Materials and Tools

- Mophead with long cotton strands
- Thin board, about 12" x 8"
- Thin board, about 16" x 2"
- Star-print cotton fabric, about 17" x 3"
- Striped burlap ribbon
- 2" wood ball
- Antique finishing wax or stain
- Decoupage medium
- Paintbrush
- Pliers
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Sawtooth hanger
- Embellishments: narrow ribbon, mesh burlap, tin star

### Instructions

1. Apply finishing wax or stain to the wood ball. Let dry.
2. Brush decoupage medium onto one side of the 16" x 2" board and press the star-print fabric onto it. Wrap the edges of the fabric around to the back. Brush on another coat of decoupage medium to seal. Let dry.
3. Deconstruct the mophead. If it's held together with wire, loosen the twisted wires with pliers to separate each cotton strand.
4. Position the 12" x 8" board flat on a work surface in a vertical orientation. Lay the fabric-covered board across the 12" x 8" board horizontally, about 3" up from the bottom, as the brim for a stovepipe hat. Mark the brim placement on the back of the board with a pencil. Set the brim aside.



5. Wrap the 12" x 8" board with ribbon, starting at the top. Cut one length of ribbon for each row, securing in back with glue. Continue until the ribbon reaches the pencil mark (Photo A). **Tip:** If your ribbon has decorative edge stitching, trim it away before wrapping to reduce bulk. Attach the sawtooth hanger on the top back.



top of the first layer directly under the brim. For the third layer, position a row of strands on top of the ribbon-covered hat with about 1" hanging below the brim (Photo B). Glue the ends to the previous layer along the brim, and then flip the strands down onto the beard once the glue is dry.



6. Turn the project over and glue the hat brim in place.
7. For the first layer of the beard, fold a mop strand in half and glue the folded end to the front of the board directly under the brim. Continue adhering strands side by side until the board is covered. For the second layer, glue a row of full-length strands on
8. Adhere the nose below the brim. To embellish the hat, create a bow with mesh burlap, and fashion a starburst shape by overlapping several sections of narrow ribbon. Attach together with glue in the center and top with a tin star. Secure the layered bow to the hat with a dot of hot glue.