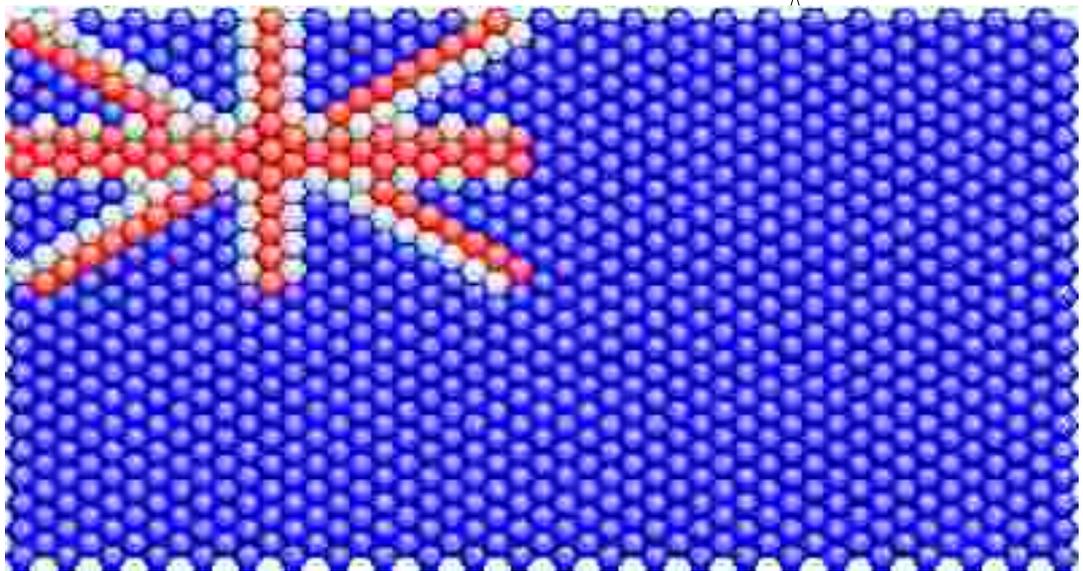


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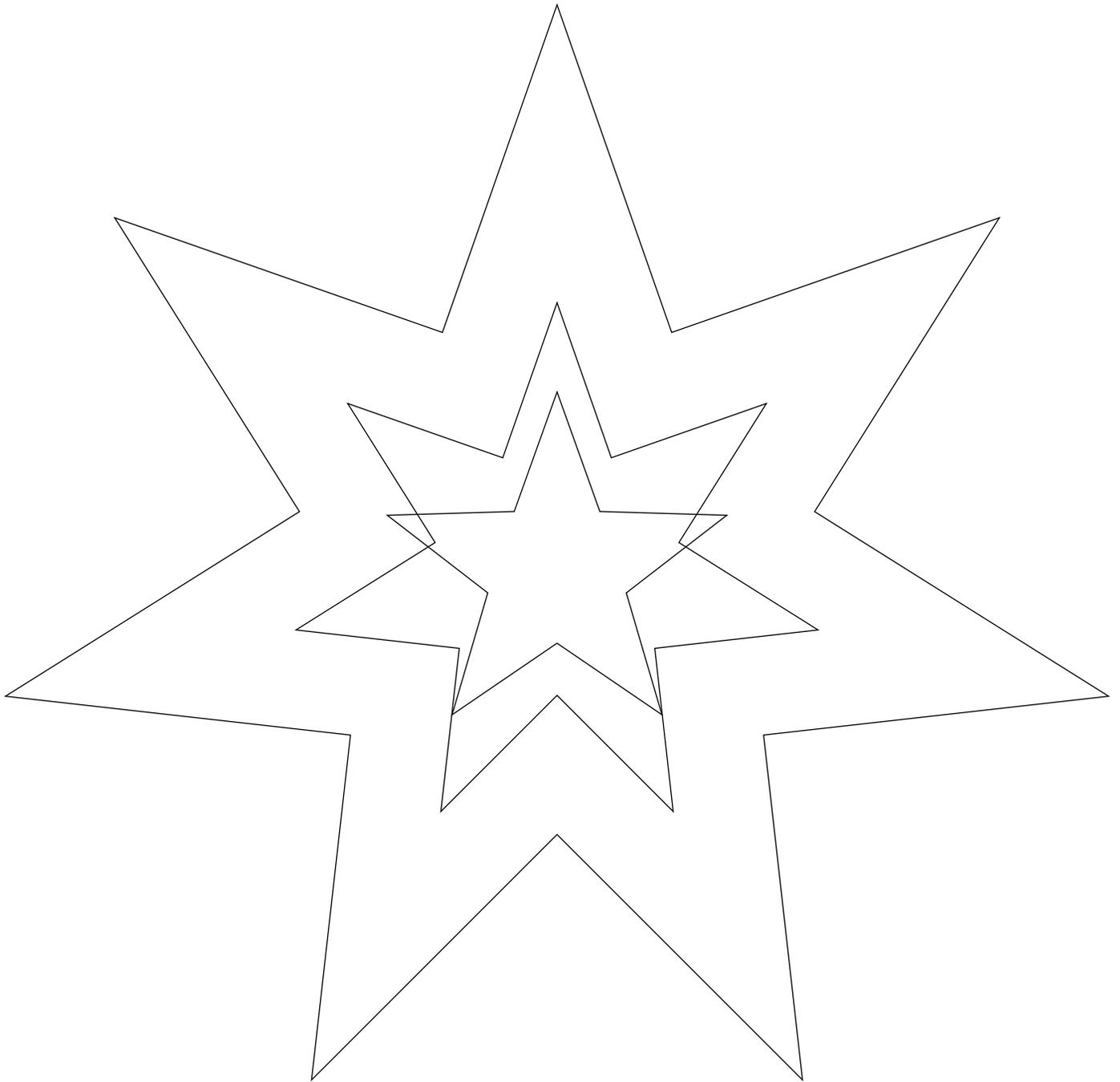
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This Design uses

- (846) Blue balloons inflated 4" in diameter
- (67) White balloons inflated 4" in diameter
- (75) Red balloons inflated 4" in diameter
- (4) RMS-2 Banners™
- (4) 10.5" overlays of seven pointed stars
- (1) 7" overlay of a five pointed star
- (1) 22" overlay of a seven pointed star



Enlarge 300% and make several copies to use as templates for cutting out overlay stars.

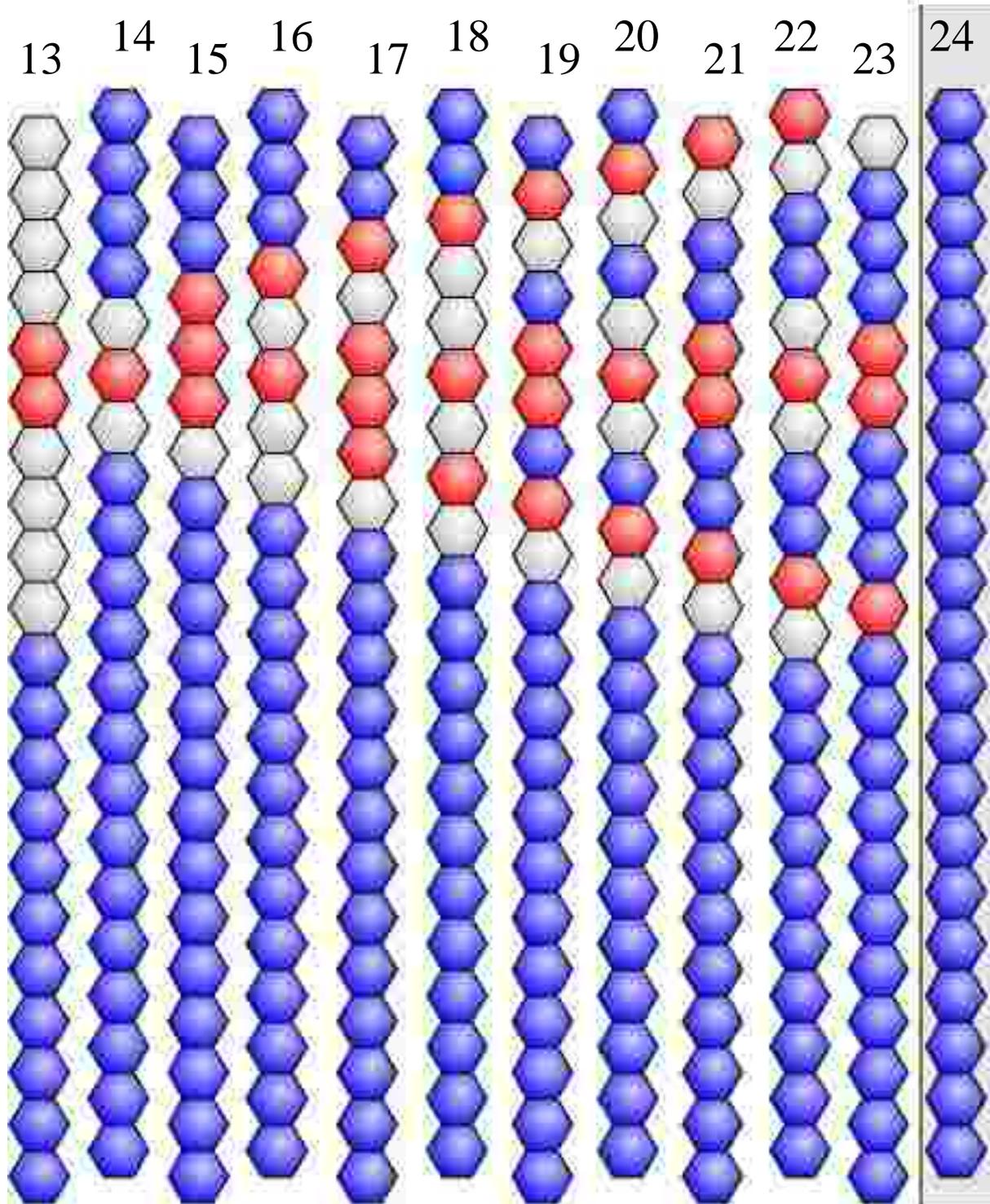
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Below are numbered strings of Link-O-Loon balloons. The top white balloon under the number "13" goes in the upper left hand corner of Banner B. If each string of LOL's is tagged at the top end with it's number, it may be made up in advance and installed in it's proper place when desired. The strings # 13 - # 23 go in the second ("B") Banner. The #24 string goes in the extra set of holes created only when Banner B and Banner C are connected to each other. Each balloon is inflated 4" in diameter and tied as close as possible to the next balloon in the string.



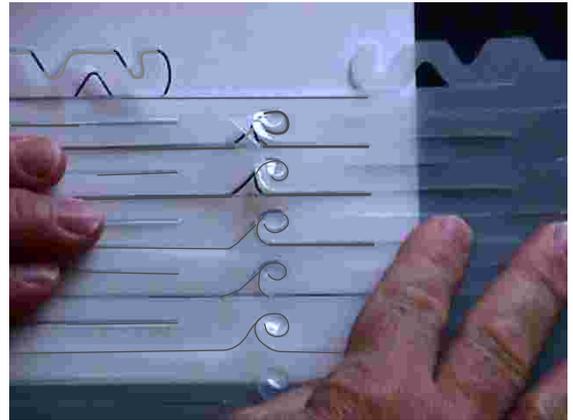
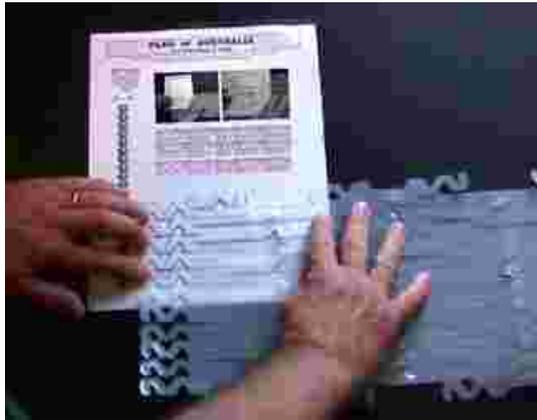
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Balloon strings
25 - # 47 are
all solid blue.
Each string is
21 balloons
long.

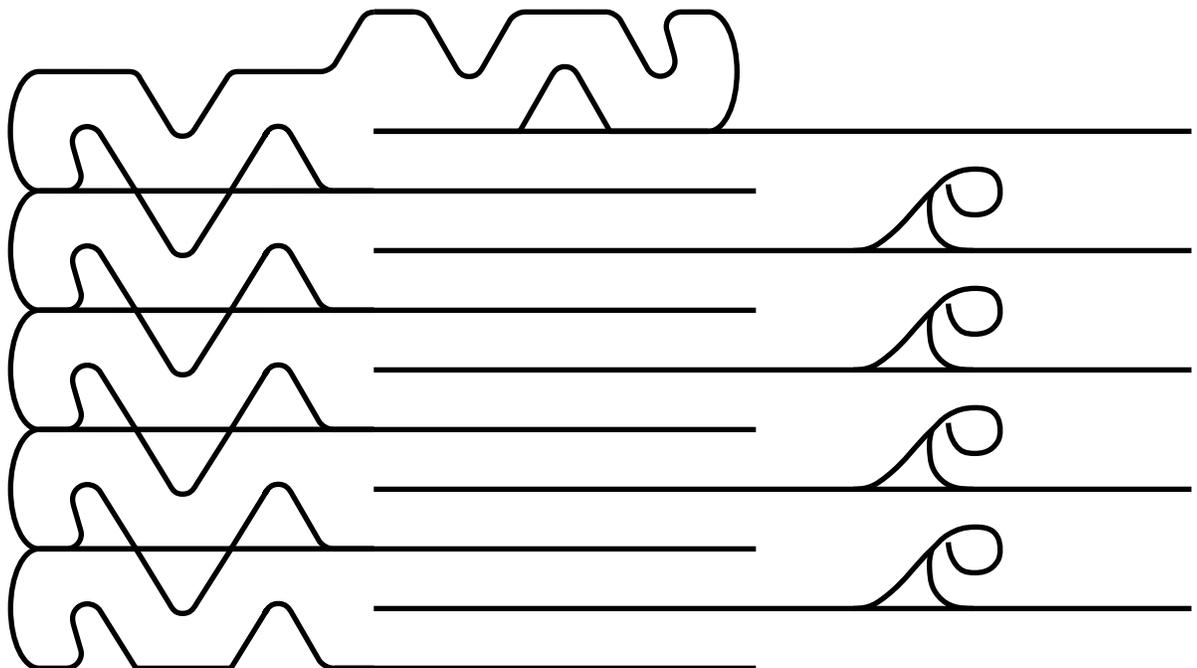
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Make copies of this page and use the copies as illustrated above to orient each piece of RMS-2 banner material before Banners are joined to each other and before the Banners are stretched open to load balloons.

Slide this page under the UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER of the Banner. The cuts in the Banner should match the lines of the drawing below. Pay special attention to the small Spiral Anchors (). These should match the shape and orientation in the drawing. If the spirals do not match the drawing, then turn the Banner around until they do match.

A single RMS-2 Banner is made up of the two identical pieces of Matrix that come in an RMS-2 Banner package. Lay out the two pieces one above the other on a table with the long edges running left to right. Use copies of this sheet to make sure the upper left hand corner of each of the two pieces matches the drawing.



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Move the two pieces (shown in **Illustration #1** to the right) together and connect them with the interlocking tabs. Please review the instruction sheets that come with the Matrix for details on connecting the tabs. Also, study the animations on the internet beginning at <http://www.rouseinternational.com/rms/honey/h.tutor/b1.htm> .

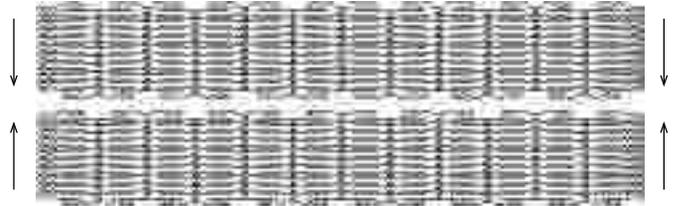


Illustration # 1

Next, lift and stretch open the Matrix with one hand while holding down the lower part of the Matrix with the other hand. (See **Illustration #2** to the right.) Start in the upper left hand corner and work your way across the top edge of the Banner to the right. When you reach the right edge, move your hands down a few inches and repeat the procedure from right to left across the Banner. Continue back and forth across the Matrix as many times as necessary to stretch open all the apertures in the Matrix.

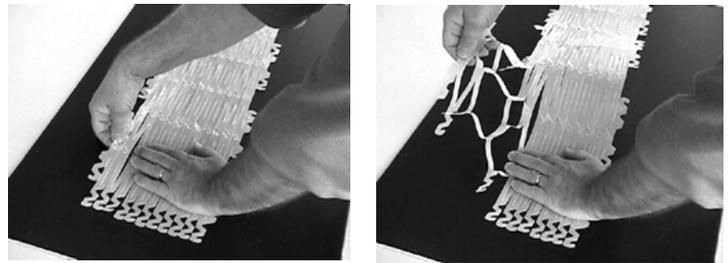


Illustration # 2

Again, please review the instruction sheets that come with the Matrix for details on expanding the Matrix. Also, study the animations on the internet beginning at <http://www.rouseinternational.com/rms/honey/h.tutor/b1.htm>)

There is a tendency for the Matrix to spring back after you stretch it, but the Matrix should leave a clear pattern of openings. The spiral anchors should all be aimed up, that is with the triangular tabs on the top side of the matrix straps. (See **Illustration #3** to the right.)

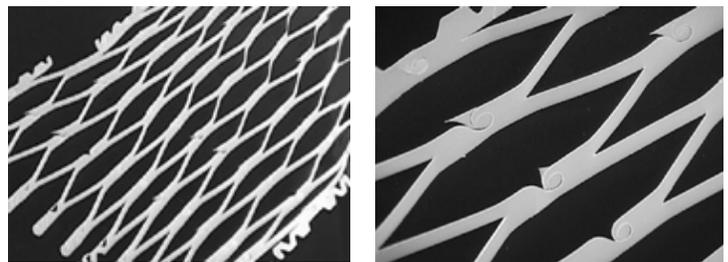


Illustration # 3

Balloons have traditionally been loaded into the Matrix in pairs. Link-O-Loons, however offer an opportunity to simplify the layout of balloons for this flag project by connecting the balloons in numbered strings (or “chains”) of balloons in advance. When the Link-O-Loon strings are combined with the Spiral Anchors in the Matrix, we have a simple, fast way to create a more secure hold between the balloons and the framework.

Simply hold a pair of balloons apart with one hand and hold the Matrix near the Spiral anchor with the other hand. Then slide the necks of the connected balloons down and around the Spiral Anchor as shown in **Illustration #4** to the right. (See animations of this at the web site listed above.)



Illustration # 4

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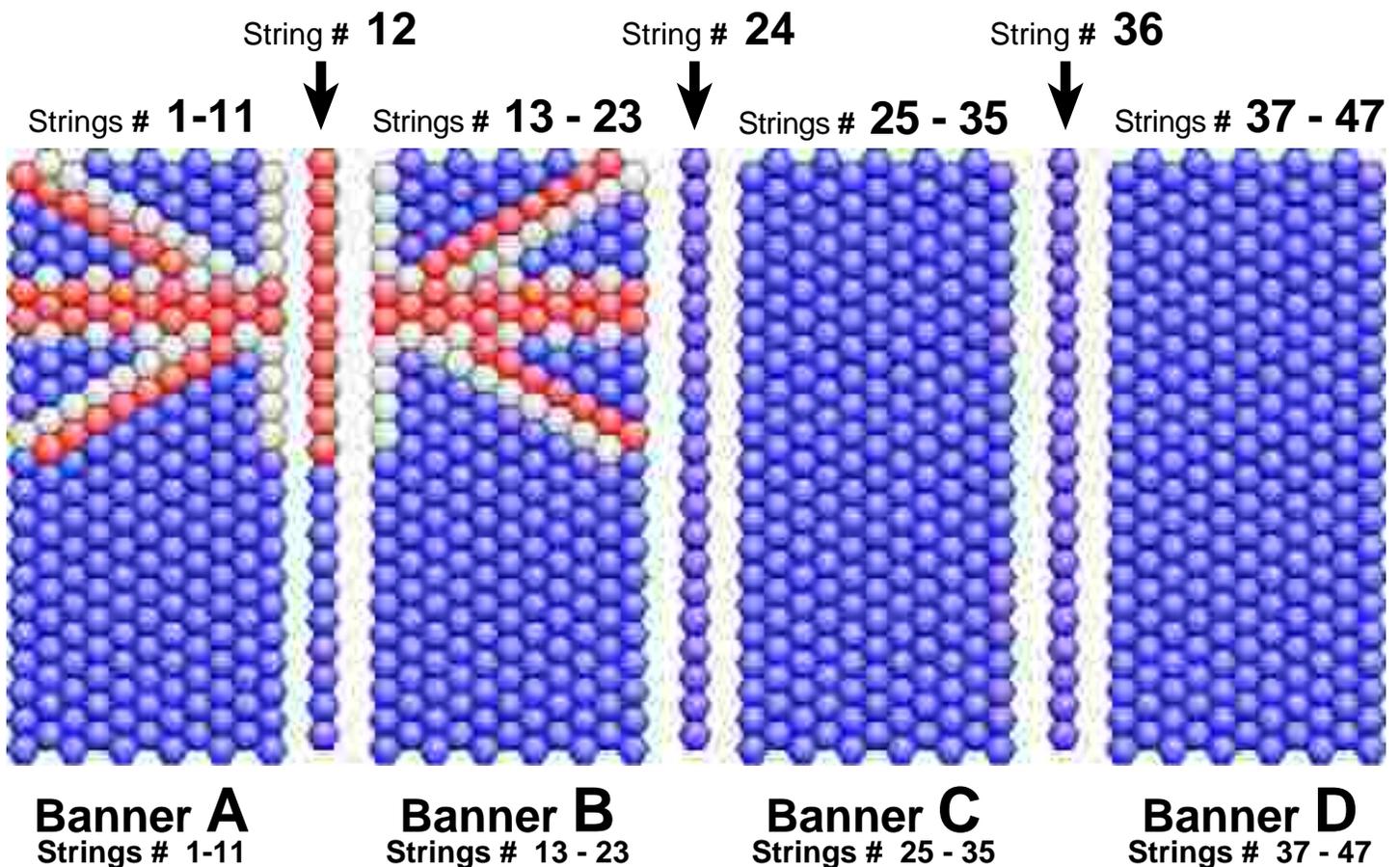
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Connect four Banners as indicated below to make the framework for the Australian flag.

Generally, it is easier to connect all four banners (that is 8 half pieces) together before the Matrix is stretched open and loaded with balloons. This approach makes it easier to assure that the spiral anchors are turned in the same direction, all Banners opened and loaded in the same way, and all the numbered strings of balloons are loaded in their proper direction and sequence.

There are logistical advantages to splitting into four work groups, but you must take special care in supervising the orientation and loading of balloons to avoid a mismatch when you later go to assemble the four Banners.

The illustration below shows how the four banners should look and be arranged just before connecting them and adding the star overlays. to make the finished flag.



In order to give a neat appearance to the outer edges of the flag, fold down the tabs which stick out and tuck them under the Matrix straps which are tight against the balloons. Experiment a little. When you fold the tabs down in one direction they are easily tucked. When you fold them down in the other direction they are difficult to tuck under the straps without leaving a large bulge.

You may also cover the outside straps with paint or ribbon if you choose.