



Sewing Like Betsy

“Look at the pretty stitches I made, Mommy!” said Meredith. Meredith was quite excited because her mother was teaching her how to sew.

“You are doing a wonderful job,” said her mother. “Soon, you’ll be as good a seamstress as Betsy Ross.”

“Who is Betsy Ross?” asked Meredith.

“Way back in 1776, when our country was new and fighting for its freedom, Betsy Ross owned a sewing business and made material to cover furniture. Because she was a friend of General George Washington, and he knew how good her work was, he asked her to sew the first American flag,” explained Meredith’s mother.

“Mommy, will you help me make a flag like Betsy Ross?”

“I think that would be very nice,” answered her mother. “Let’s get started right now.”

1. What is Meredith's mother teaching her to do?

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| <input type="radio"/> paint | <input type="radio"/> bake cookies |
| <input type="radio"/> sew | <input type="radio"/> dance |

2. How does Meredith feel about learning to sew?

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| <input type="radio"/> afraid | <input type="radio"/> excited |
| <input type="radio"/> upset | <input type="radio"/> confused |

3. Meredith's mother tells her she will soon sew as well as _____.

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| <input type="radio"/> her grandmother | <input type="radio"/> Martha Washington |
| <input type="radio"/> Betsy Ross | <input type="radio"/> Aunt Sarah |

4. In 1776, Betsy Ross owned a _____ business.

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| <input type="radio"/> sewing | <input type="radio"/> bakery |
| <input type="radio"/> cleaning | <input type="radio"/> restaurant |

5. What very special item did George Washington ask Betsy Ross to sew?

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| <input type="radio"/> the first American flag | <input type="radio"/> a new coat |
| <input type="radio"/> uniforms for the troops | <input type="radio"/> a quilt |