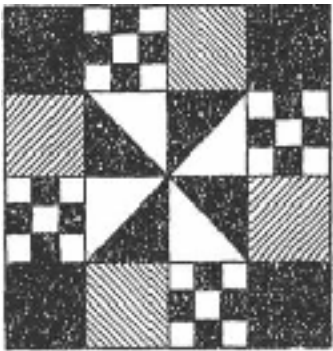


Block of the Month for 2023-2024 First Ladies of the White House

Join us as we learn about some of our country's early First Ladies and the historic blocks bearing their names. So much of our country's history can be seen in the quilt blocks our foremothers created. Everything in their daily life was food for inspiration, from the *Hens and Chickens* & *Broken Dishes* to *Kansas Troubles* & *Arkansas Crossroads*; from *Rose of Sharon* & *Tree of Life* to the *Friendship Star* & *Album Quilts*.



Traditional blocks often had more than one name or variation. Pattern names depended on the seamstress and was all word of mouth. Written records didn't start until the Ladies Art Company (est. 1889) first began to publish a catalog of quilt patterns with names. I've tried to make my block choices based on how far back I can trace a pattern or the most popular design from the time.

All blocks will finish at 12". If you want a unified look, a fat quarter bundle along with the same background is an option. Or start searching your stash now for a group of coordinating fabrics.



Patterns will be posted to our website the first of the month. As always, every month's completed block earns a ticket for the end-of-year prize raffle. Just send a picture or bring your block to our general meeting. Can't wait to see what you create!

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