

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, promote the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute this Constitution for the United States.



ABIGAIL SMITH ADAMS

First Lady (1797-1801)

Abigail was born on November 11, 1744 in Weymouth, Massachusetts, the daughter of Reverend William Smith and Elizabeth Quincy.

She married John Adams at her parent's home in Weymouth, Massachusetts on October 25, 1764 when she was 19 years old. They had five children: Abigail, John Quincy, Susanna, Charles and Thomas Boylston.

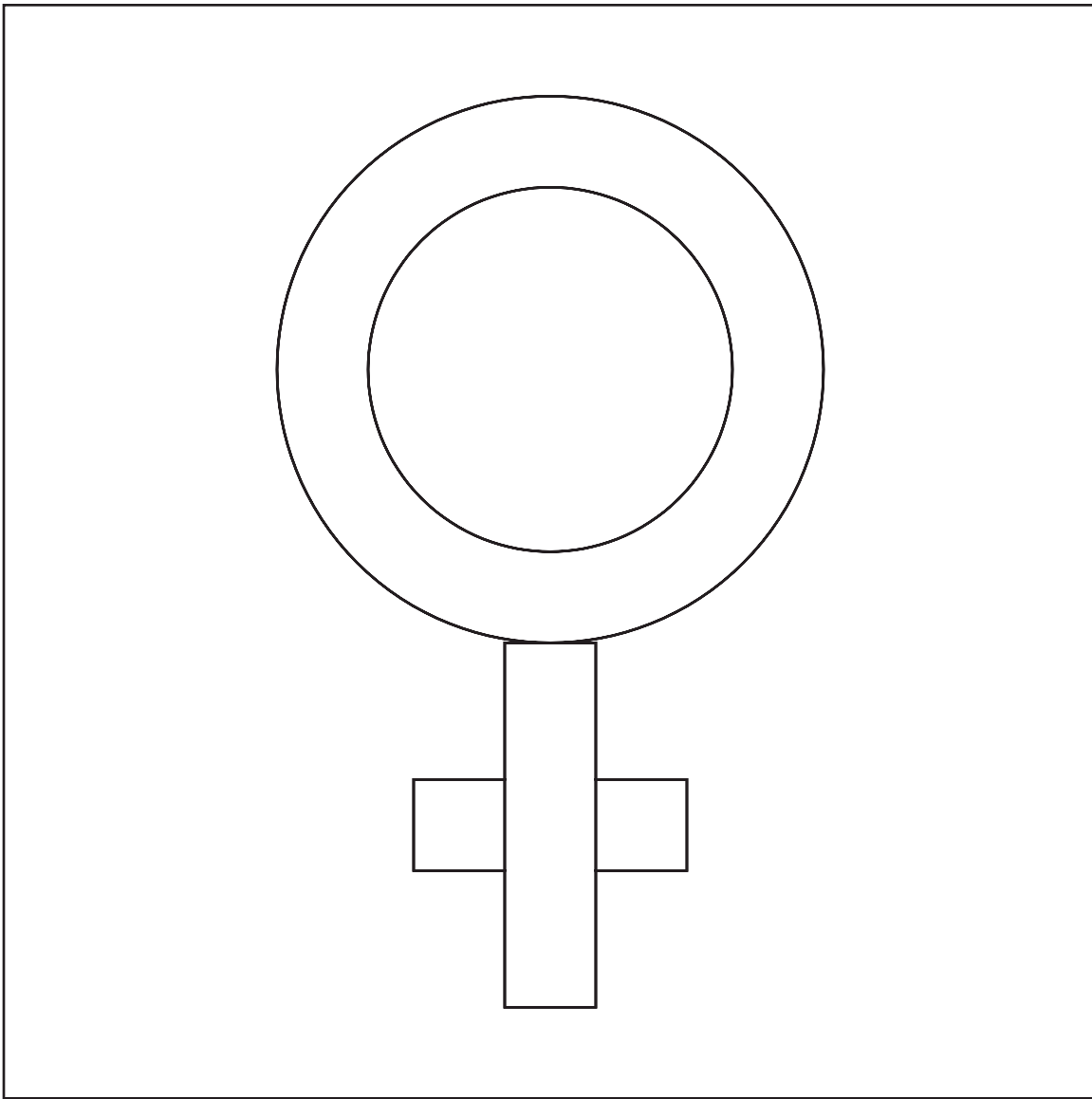
She and Barbara Bush are the only two first ladies who were the wife of one president and the mother of another. Abigail died in 1818 at the age of 73.

*"Remember the ladies
and be more generous
and favorable to them
than your ancestors...
all men would be tyrants
if they could."
~Abigail Adams*



Abigail's Passion

Abigail's block was designed to acknowledge Abigail's greatest contribution during her time as First Lady - her perseverance on arguing with her husband that women should have legal status equal to men. While she did not convince the president of this, her numerous letters calling for equal rights for women are some of the earliest known.



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Making the Block

Using the diagram above, make templates and appliqué to a 7" square of background fabric according to the block design. Trim block to 6½" x 6½".