

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, do hereby establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



ANNA ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

First Lady (1933-1945)

Eleanor was born on October 11, 1884 in New York City, the daughter of Elliott Roosevelt and Anna Rebecca Hall.

After attending Allenwood, an English finishing school outside London, Eleanor developed a keen interest in social issues. She returned to New York and began teaching at the Rivington Street Settlement house where she became involved with the poor and joined a consumer's league. She began dating her fifth cousin, Franklin, whom she had known all her life and they married on March 17, 1905 when Eleanor was only 20 years old. They had six children: Anna Eleanor, James, Franklin, Elliott, Franklin Delano, and John Aspinwall.

Franklin and Eleanor came close to getting divorced when he revealed his affair with Eleanor's social secretary, Lucy Page Mercer. Franklin's mother intervened and they decided to stick it out although their relationship was never the same.

Eleanor made it clear from the beginning that she was going to be a different type of First Lady by ignoring traditional First Lady duties and immediately delving into issues that interested her. She was very vocal in speaking out about the rights of African-Americans, the plight of working woman and the poor. She supported migrant workers and traveled tirelessly supporting her causes.

Eleanor continued her work after leaving the White House and she became active in the NAACP, League of Women Voters, and was appointed to the newly founded United Nations where she helped frame the Human Rights Amendment.

Eleanor died on November 7, 1962 at the age of 78.

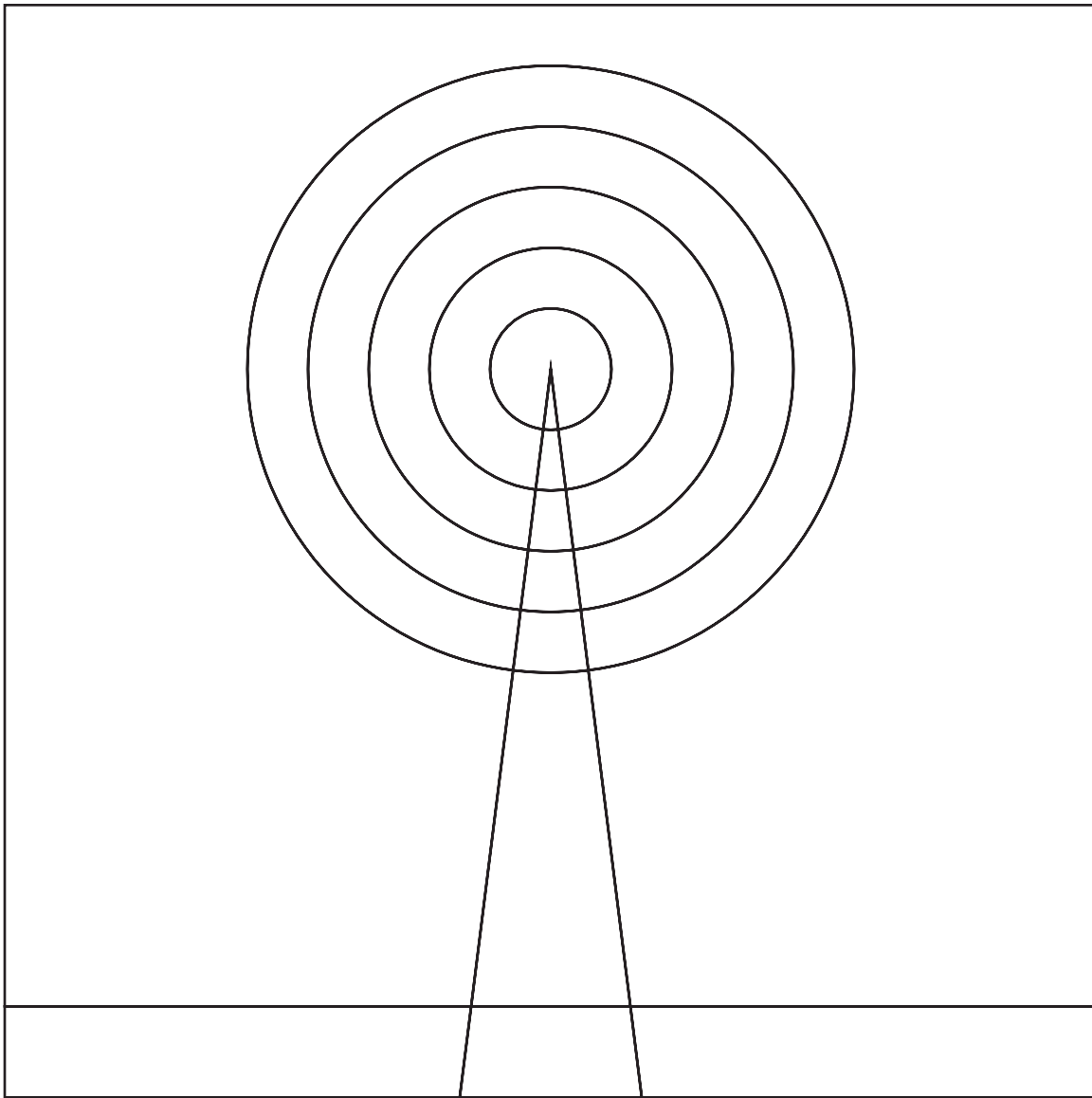
Eleanor's Voice

Eleanor's block was created to emphasize her deft use of the mass media to highlight her causes and reach millions of people. She wrote a syndicated newspaper column, had a weekly radio show, and supplemented these efforts with hundreds of speeches.

"...but there isn't going to be any First Lady. There is just to be plain, ordinary Mrs. Roosevelt... I never wanted to be the president's wife, and don't want it now. You don't quite believe me, do you? Very likely no one would—except possibly some woman who had had the job."

~Eleanor Roosevelt





Eleanor's Voice
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".