

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



BARBARA PIERCE BUSH

First Lady (1989–1993)

Barbara was born on June 8, 1925 in New York City, New York, the daughter of Marvin Pierce and Pauline Robinson.

When she was 16 years old, Barbara met George Bush at a Christmas party. She was his date at the senior prom. Barbara entered Smith College but dropped out her freshman year. Shortly after George returned from WWII, where he served as a Navy torpedo pilot, they married on January 6, 1945 when Barbara was just 19 years old.

Barbara and George had six children: George Walker, Pauline Robinson, John Ellis, Neil Mallon, Marvin Pierce, and Dorothy.

Barbara was passionate about literacy and wrote two children's books and founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. She appeared on talk shows and had a radio program called "Mrs. Bush's Story Time." She was a popular speaker at numerous events while she was First Lady and because her son owned a baseball team, she is also the first First Lady to throw the first ball on Opening Day.

She was also the first First Lady to hire an African-American as her press secretary. She was a great supporter of civil rights for African-Americans.

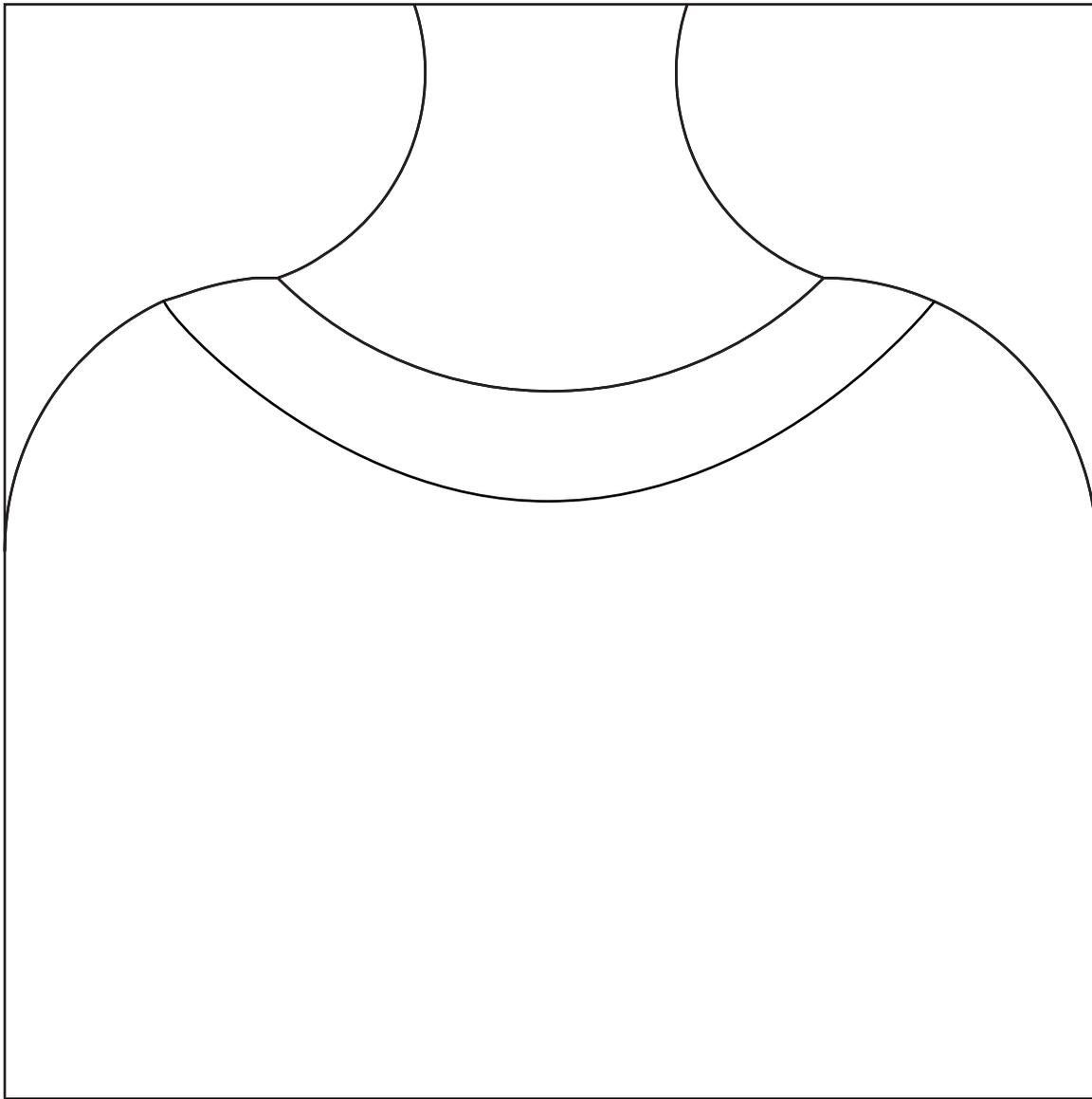
"I want you all to take a look at me. Please notice—hairdo, makeup, designer dress. Look at me good this week, because it's the only week."

*~Barbara Bush,
at the Inauguration
of her husband*



Barbara's Pearls

Barbara's block was designed to illustrate the image that most people have of her when she was First Lady. Barbara was rarely seen in public without three strings of pearls around her neck.



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Making the Block

Using the diagram above, make templates and appliqué the neck and dress (the collar is just a suggestion of where the pearls might go.) to a 7" square of background fabric according to the block design. Add 3 strands of 4mm pearls around neck. Trim block to 6½" x 6½".