

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 Progress of Science and useful Arts, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute this Federal Government.



DOLLEY PAYNE TODD MADISON

First Lady (1809–1817)

Dolley was born May 20, 1768 in Guilford County, North Carolina, the daughter of John Payne and Mary Coles.

When Dolley was 21 years old, she married John Todd at the Pine Street Meeting House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They had two sons, John Payne and William Isaac. Her husband and youngest son died on the same day in 1793.

Aaron Burr introduced Dolley to James Madison and they were married on September 15, 1794. They had no children. Dolley died in 1849 at 81 years of age.

*“... we have all, a great hand in the formation of our own destiny. We must press on, that intricate path, leading to perfection and happiness, by doing all that is good and handsome before we can be taken under the silver wing of our rewarding angel.”
~Dolley Madison*

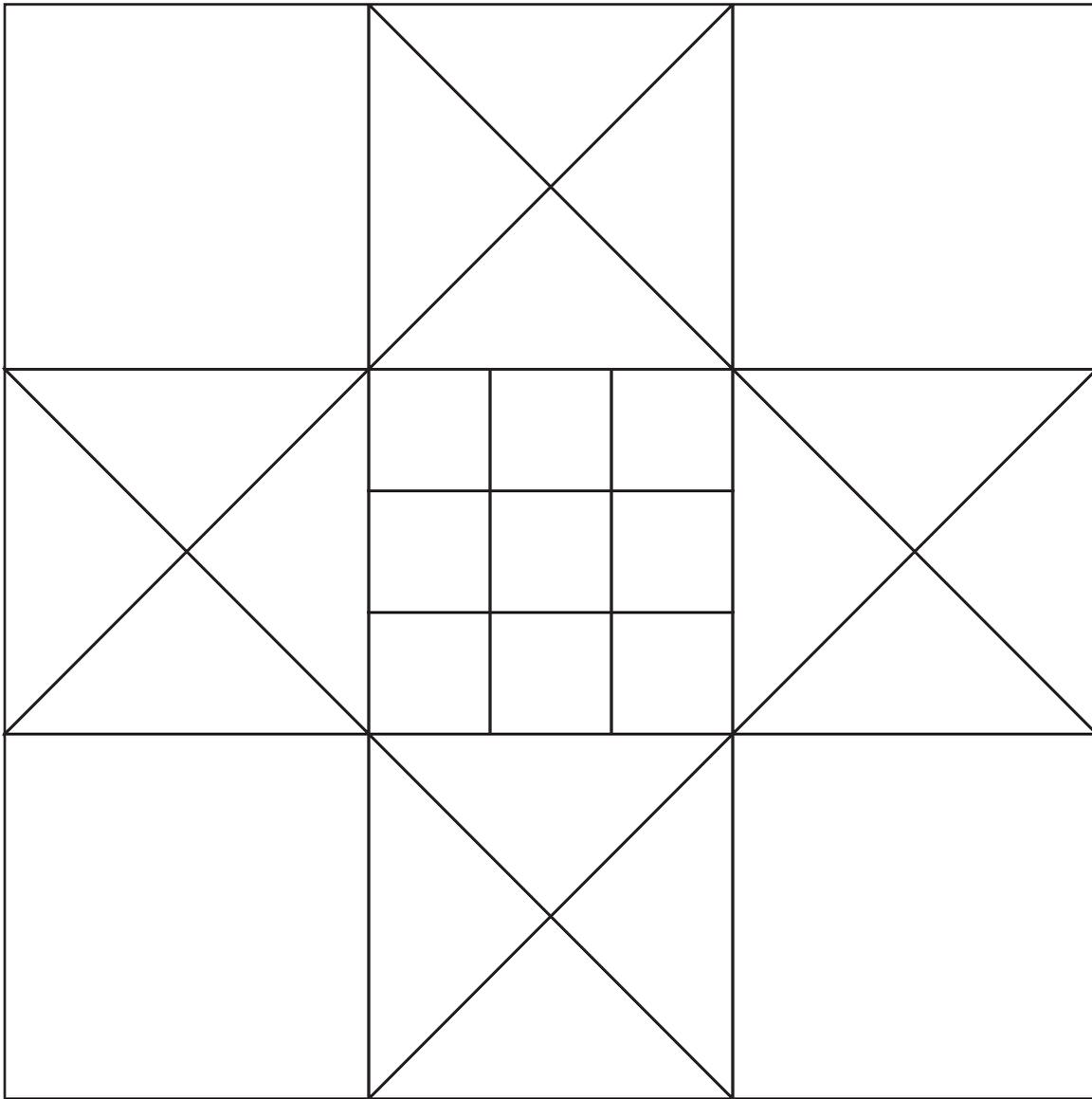
Dolley Madison Star

Dolley’s block is a historical one that quilt makers designed and made in celebration of her considerable contributions to the role of First Lady. She raised money for the Lewis & Clark Expedition, organized the first “inaugural ball,” founded a home for orphaned girls, and in perhaps her most well-known act, saved the portrait of George Washington from the burning of Washington during the War of 1812.

Samuel Morris also held her in high esteem and honored Dolley by letting her become the first private citizen to send a message by telegraph.

Other historical blocks that reference Dolley Madison include *Dolley Madison Workbox* and the *Madison Block*.





Dolley Madison Star
Making the Block

Cut:

| Color | Number of Pieces | Size |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Dark Purple | 2 | 3½" x 3½" |
| | 4 | 1" x 1" |
| White | 4 | 2½" x 2½" |
| | 1 | 3½" x 3½" |
| | 5 | 1" x 1" |
| Light. Purple | 1 | 3½" x 3½" |

To make the quarter-square triangles, cut all of the 3½" squares into 4 pieces by cutting on the diagonals.