

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 the following President and Vice President for the United States.



ELEANOR ROSALYNN SMITH CARTER

First Lady (1977–1981)

Eleanor (Rosalynn) was born on August 18, 1927 in Plains, Georgia, the daughter of Wilburn Edgar Smith and Frances Allethea Murray.

Rosalynn graduated valedictorian from high school and attended Georgia Southwestern College for two years.

Through a friend, she was introduced to James (Jimmy) Earl Carter and when she was 18 years old, she married him on July 7, 1946. Rosalynn and Jimmy had four children: John William, James Earl, Donnel Jeffrey and Amy Lynn.

Attending cabinet meetings gave Rosalynn firsthand access to information and decision-making that was unprecedented for a First Lady. She used this information to help communicate the policies of the Carter White House to the general public by traveling all over the country to meet and speak with audiences.

She was the first First Lady to maintain an office in the East Wing. Congress recognized that the First Lady was a position of significance in the government and allocated financial support for Rosalynn and her staff, which continues to this day.

Rosalynn's interest in mentally and emotionally handicapped people and the services provided to them by the government began during her term as the First Lady of Georgia. She was a member of the Governor's Commission to Improve Services to the Mentally and Emotionally Handicapped. Campaigning for her husband's Presidential bid, Rosalynn became the first First Lady to make a campaign promise of her own: that if her husband was elected, she would ensure that there was legislative reform on behalf of the nation's mentally ill.

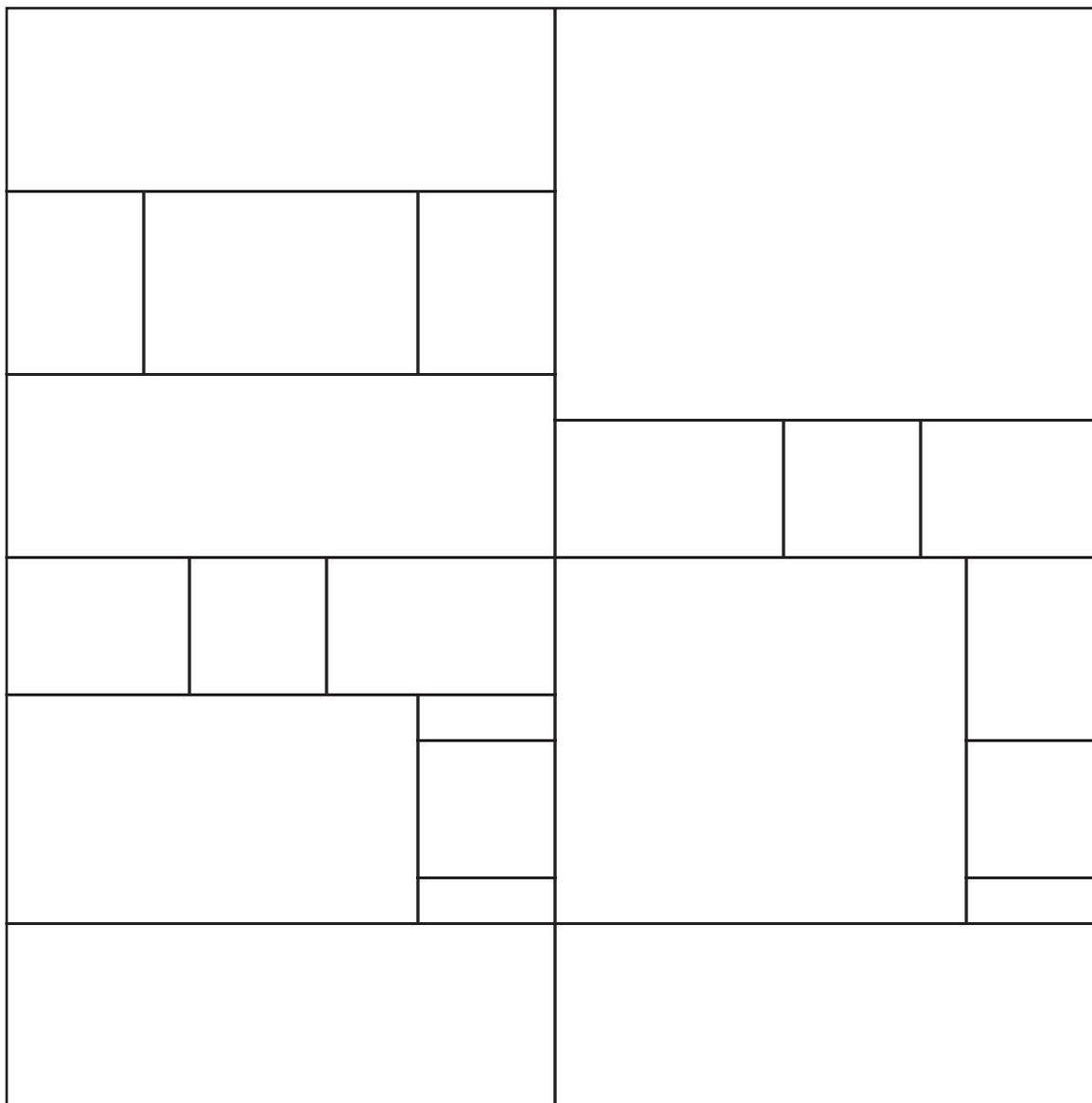
As First Lady, Rosalynn was the active Honorary Chair of the President's Commission on Mental Health and was instrumental in creating the Mental Health Systems Act that was passed and funded in 1980.

Rosalynn's Puzzle

Rosalynn's block commemorates her lifelong commitment and efforts to solve the puzzle of mental illness.

*"... there is a general presumption that the projects of a First Lady will be substantive, highly publicized, and closely scrutinized. I am thankful for the change."
~Rosalynn Carter*





Rosalynn's Puzzle

Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Yellow	1	1½" x 3½"
	1	1¼" x 1½"
	1	1¼" x 1¾"
	1	1¾" x 3½"
	2	¾" x 1¼"
Blue	1	1¼" x 1¼"
	2	1½" x 3½"
	1	1½" x 2"
Green	1	1¼" x 1½"
	1	¾" x 1¼"
	2	1¼" x 1¼"
	1	1½" x 3½"
	1	2¾" x 2½"
White	1	1¼" x 1½"
Red	2	1¼" x 1½"
	1	2¾" x 3½"
	1	1¼" x 1¾"
Light Blue	1	1¼" x 1¼"