FLORENCE MABEL KLING DEWOLFE HARDING
First Lady (1921–1923)

Florence was born on August 15, 1860 in Marion, Ohio, the daughter of Amos Hall Kling and Louise Mabel Bouton.

While disappointed that the oldest of his children was a mere "girl," her father was impressed with her musical ability. He decided she would become a concert pianist and forced her to practice eight hours a day. She attended the Music Conservatory in Cincinnati.
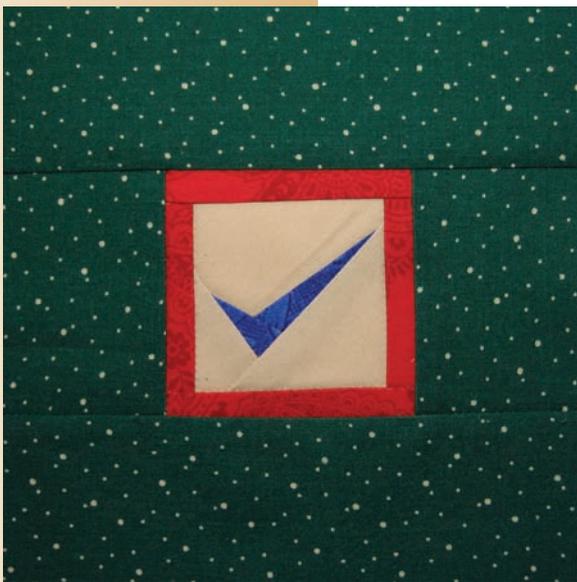
Florence eloped with Henry Athenton DeWolfe in 1880 in Gallion, Ohio and had one child, Marshall Eugene. They divorced in 1886.

She met her second husband when he moved to Marion, Ohio as a reporter and later owner of the newspaper, The Marion Star. Florence, age 30, and Warren G. Harding were married on July 8, 1891 in Marion, Ohio. They had no children.

Having a good head for business, Florence rescued The Marion Star from financial ruin during her husband's absence for health reasons. As First Lady, she showed herself very adept at governmental affairs. She was First Lady for a short period of time because her husband died in office on August 2, 1923.
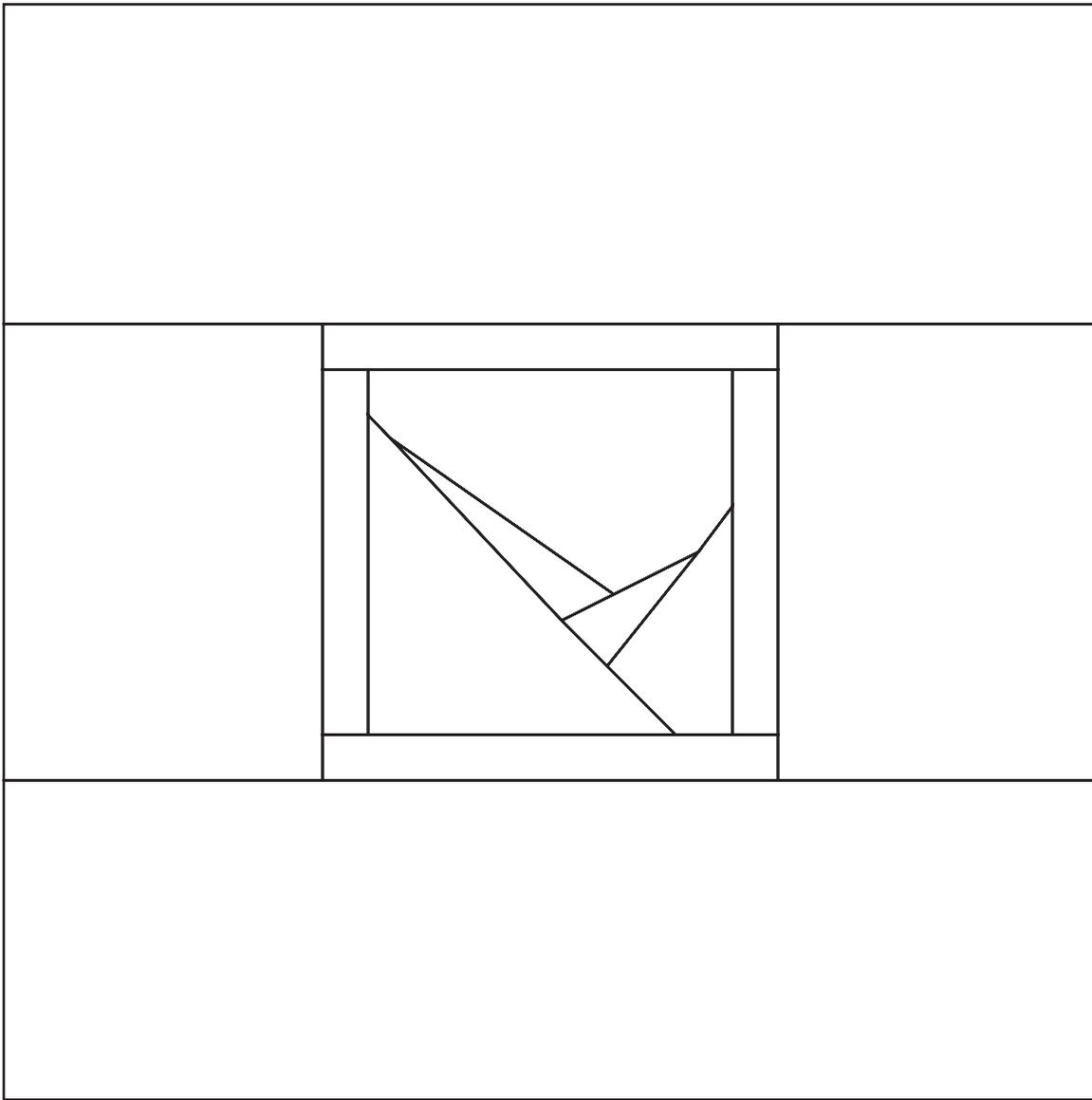
Florence died at age 64 on November 21, 1924 in Marion, Ohio.

"I know what's best for the President. I put him in the White House. He does well when he listens to me and poorly when he does not."
~Florence Harding

Florence's Vote
Florence's block was designed to highlight the fact that she was the first First Lady to vote for her husband.

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Making the Block　　　　Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Green (background)	2	2¼" x 6½"
	2	2¼" x 3"
Red (frame)	2	¾" x 3"
	2	¾" x 2½"
Blue Scraps		
Beige Scraps		

Foundation piece the middle section using the pattern in the template section.