

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 general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute this Federal Government under the following Articles.



FRANCES CLARA FOLSOM CLEVELAND PRESTON

First Lady (1886–1889 and 1893–1897)

Frances was born on July 21, 1864 in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of Oscar Folsom and Emma Harmon.

When she was only nine years old, her father died in a carriage accident. His close friend and law partner, Grover Cleveland, became the executor of his estate.

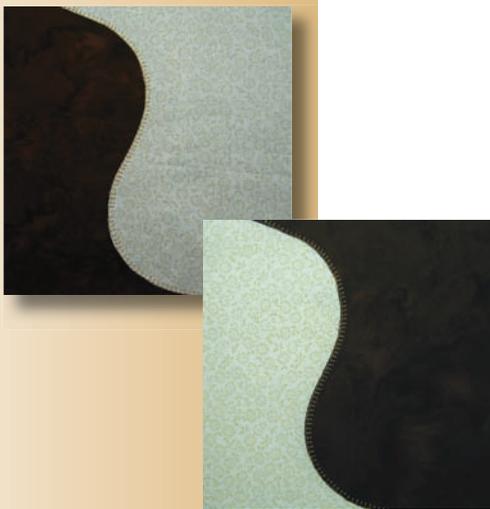
Grover Cleveland was elected president in 1885 and invited Frances and her mother to Washington where he proposed to Francis. Emma, her mother, was disappointed since she had thought the marriage proposal was for her and not her daughter.

The youngest woman (21 years old) to serve as First Lady, and the first First Lady to be married in the White House, Frances and Grover were married on June 2, 1886 in the Blue Room. He was 27 years older than Francis.

Frances and Grover had 5 children: Ruth, Esther, Marion, Richard Folsom, and Frances Grover.

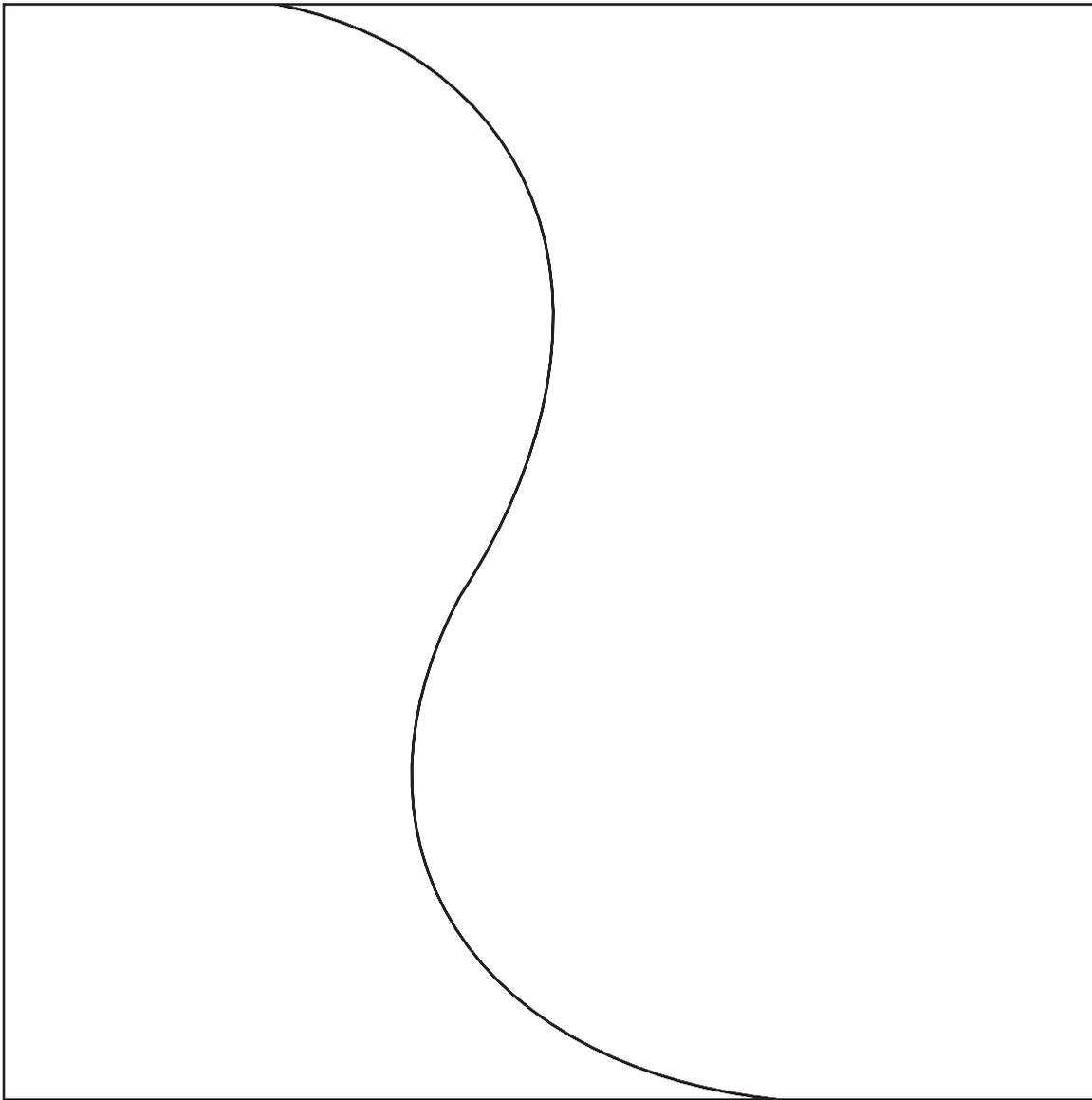
"I have not had a life yet. It is all before me..."

~Frances Cleveland, after leaving the White House



Dichotomy I & II

Frances' block was designed to show the many dichotomies in her life: mother and daughter vying for the same husband, a young bride married to an older man, and the fact that she was thin, married to an obese husband weighing 260 pounds. It also represents the two separate periods that Frances spent in the White House as First Lady.



Dichotomy I & II
Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Dr. Brown	1	7" x 7"
Tan	1	7" x 7"

Using the diagram above, make templates and appliqué onto a 7" square of background fabric according to the block design. Make two blocks, each one a reverse of the other. Trim blocks to 6½" x 6½".