

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



GRACE ANNA GOODHUE COOLIDGE

First Lady (1923–1929)

Grace was born on January 3, 1879 in Burlington, Vermont, the daughter of Andrew Issacler Goodhue and Lemira Barrett.

After a whirlwind courtship of only six months, Grace, age 26, married Calvin Coolidge on October 4, 1905 at her parents' home in Burlington, Vermont. They had two children: John and Calvin.

Due to her husband's controlling nature, Grace was not involved in many causes or events during her time as First Lady. Calvin forbade her to learn how to drive a car and also made all the decisions for White House social functions including who was invited and what food would be served.

Grace turned her attention to raising her two boys and acquiring many pets including a white collie and a raccoon!

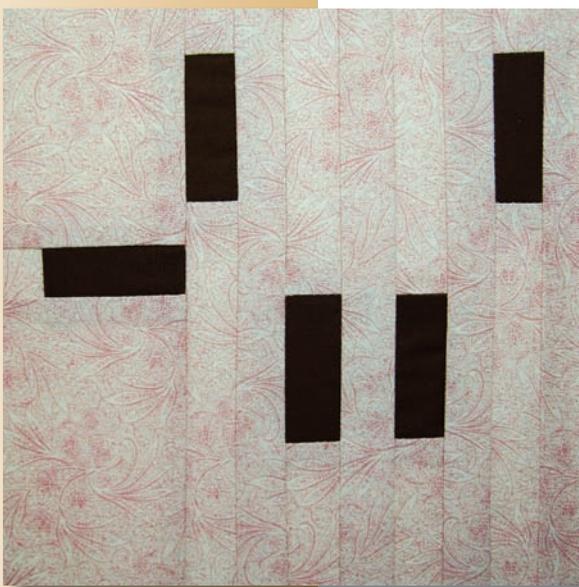
During her years as First Lady, she developed a lifelong love of baseball and chose the Boston Red Sox as her favorite team.

She was the first First Lady to get congressional approval for a bill to protect items at the White House. She started an inventory of household items which would be continued by Lou Hoover.

Grace died on July 7, 1957 when she was 78 years old.

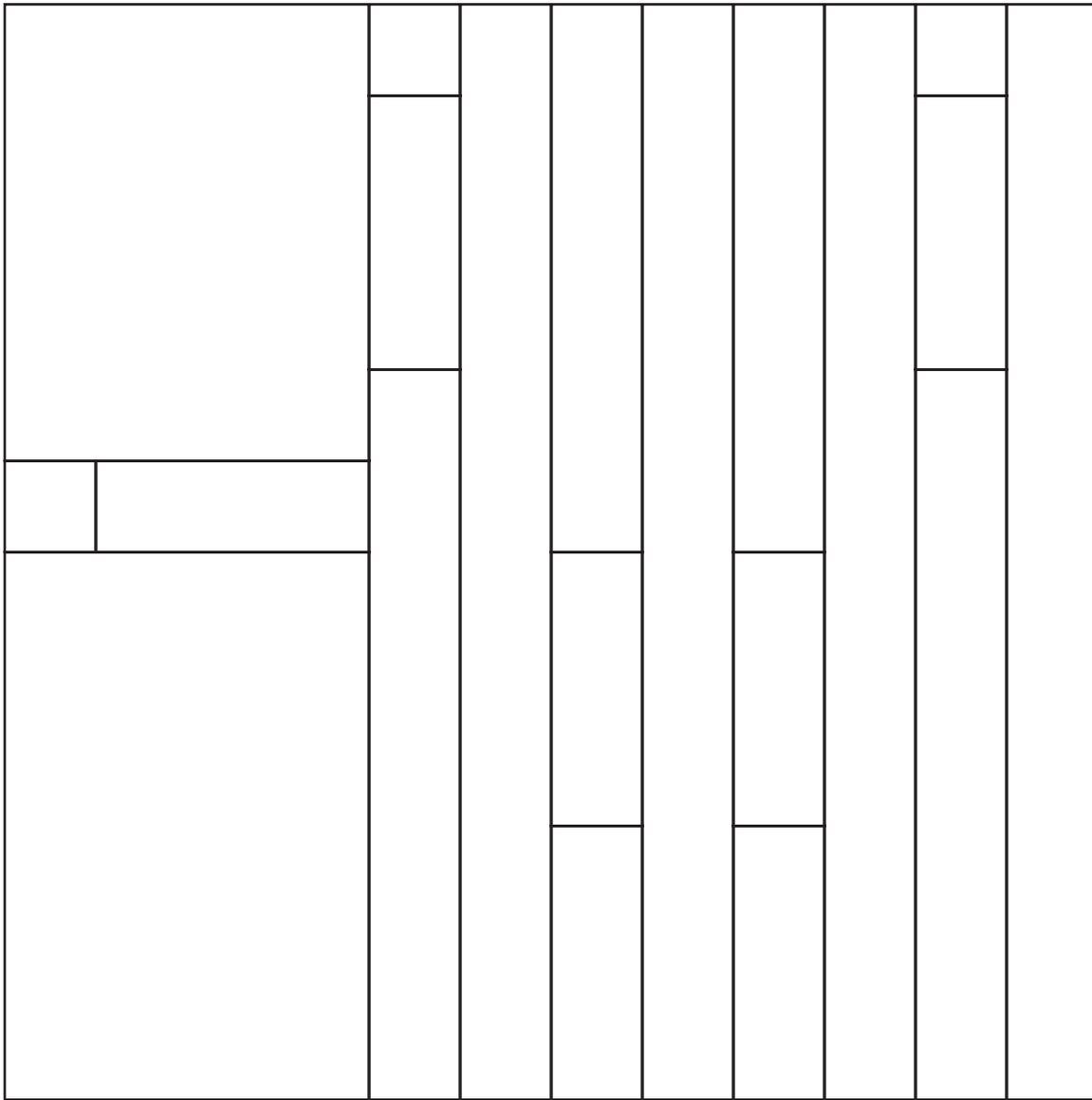
"I have such faith in Mr. Coolidge's judgment that if he ever told me I would die tomorrow at ten o'clock, I would believe him."

~Grace Coolidge



Grace's Sign

Grace's block was designed to honor her lifelong passion and support for the Clarke School of the Deaf in Northampton, Massachusetts. She raised \$2 million for the school in 1929. This pattern is a modern symbol for the sign used by the deaf to say "I love you."



Grace's Sign
Making the Block

Cut:

| Color | Number of Pieces | Size |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Light Purple (background) | 1 | 2½" x 3" |
| | 3 | 1" x 1" |
| | 4 | 1" x 6½" |
| | 2 | 1" x 3½" |
| | 2 | 1" x 4½" |
| | 2 | 1" x 2" |
| | 1 | 2½" x 3½" |
| Brown (fingers) | 5 | 1" x 2" |