

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 and elect this 22nd day of September 1850, a Convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States.



IDA SAXTON MCKINLEY

First Lady (1897–1901)

Ida was born on June 8, 1847 in Canton, Ohio, the daughter of James Asbury Saxton and Katherine DeWalt.

When she was 23 years old, she married William McKinley on January 25, 1871 at the First Presbyterian Church in Canton, Ohio. This was the first wedding in the church which Ida's father and grandfather helped to build.

Ida and William had two children: Katherine and Ida.

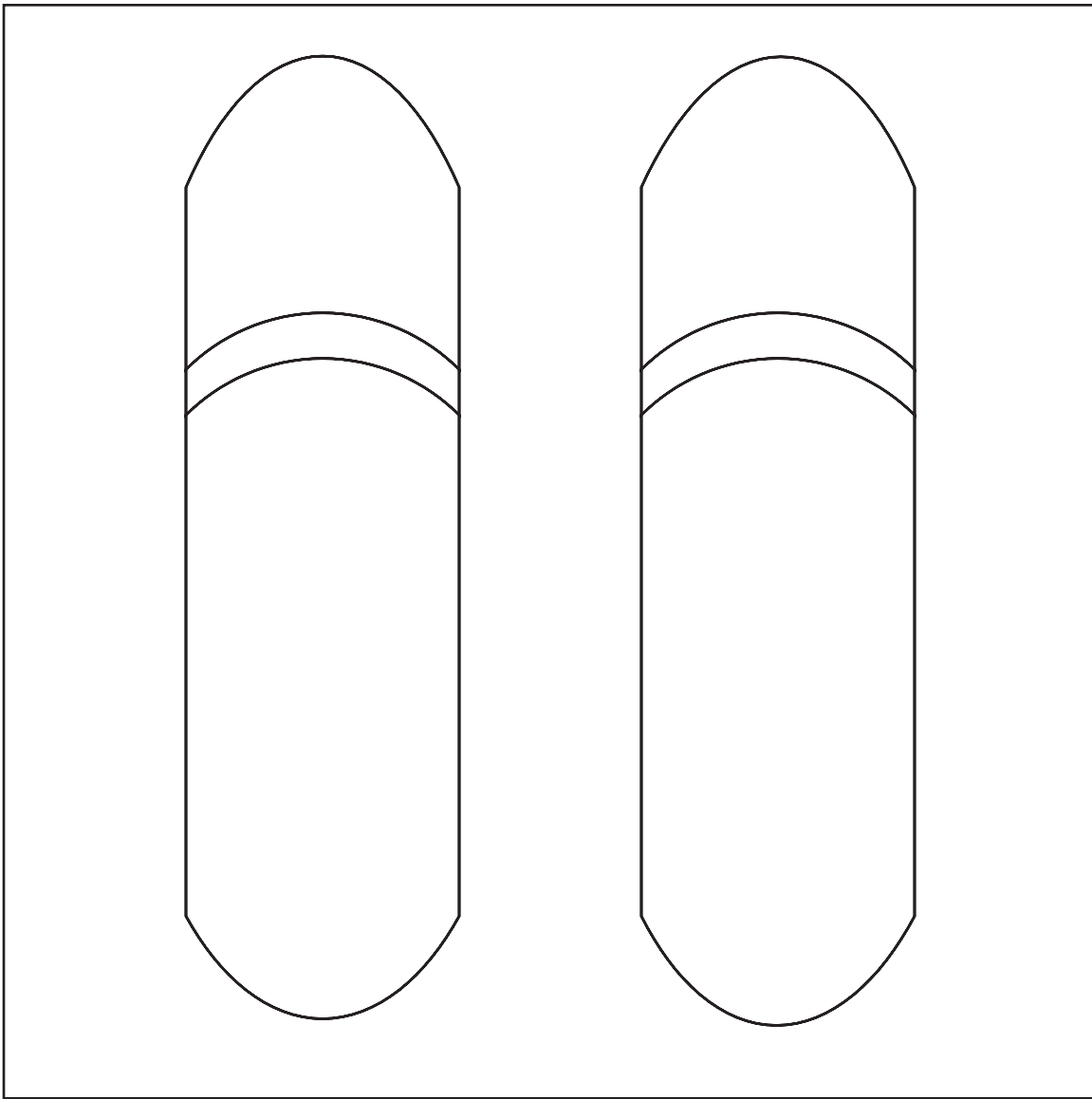
Early in her marriage, Ida lost her second daughter at four months as well as her mother. This took a physical toll on her and she began having seizures. She was disabled for most of her life.

*"Nothing can make me
happy again..."*
~Ida McKinley,
following her husband's
assassination



Ida's Slippers

Ida's block was designed to highlight the fact that she crocheted more than 3,000 pairs of slippers while she was First Lady—most of them were given to charity.



Ida's Slippers
Making the Block

Using the diagram above, make templates and appliqué to a 7" square of background fabric according to the block design. Trim block to 6½" x 6½".