

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



JACQUELINE LEE BOUVIER KENNEDY ONASSIS

First Lady (1961–1963)

Jacqueline (Jackie) was born on July 28, 1929 in Southampton, New York, the daughter of John Vernou Bouvier III and Janet Norton Lee.

Jackie was well educated, attending numerous private schools, Vassar College, University of Grenoble and Sorbonne in Paris. She obtained her B.A. in French Literature from George Washington University. She also took some continuing education classes in American history at Georgetown University. She spoke four languages: French, Italian, Spanish and, of course, English. Upon graduation, Jackie worked for the Washington-Times Herald as its “Inquiring Camera Girl” where her job responsibilities were to photograph and interview local citizens.

Jackie met John Kennedy at a dinner party and when Jackie was 24, they were married on September 12, 1953 at St. Mary’s Church in Newport, Rhode Island. Jackie and John had three children: Caroline, John Jr., and Patrick who was born in the White House and died two days later.

Jackie’s first project upon becoming First Lady was to undertake the restoration of the White House. In 1962, she conducted a nationwide televised tour of the restored White House. She made numerous trips abroad, with and without her husband, and became friends with name world leaders.

She was known for her personal style which was much imitated by women of the 60’s. She was the first First Lady to be featured prominently on the covers of hundreds of popular magazines. She was the first First Lady to have her own press secretary and her legacy was an increased media interest in all the First Ladies who followed her.

On November 23, 1963, her husband was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. After the many days of mourning and the funeral of John Kennedy, Jackie left the White House and moved to New York a few months later. *continued on next page*

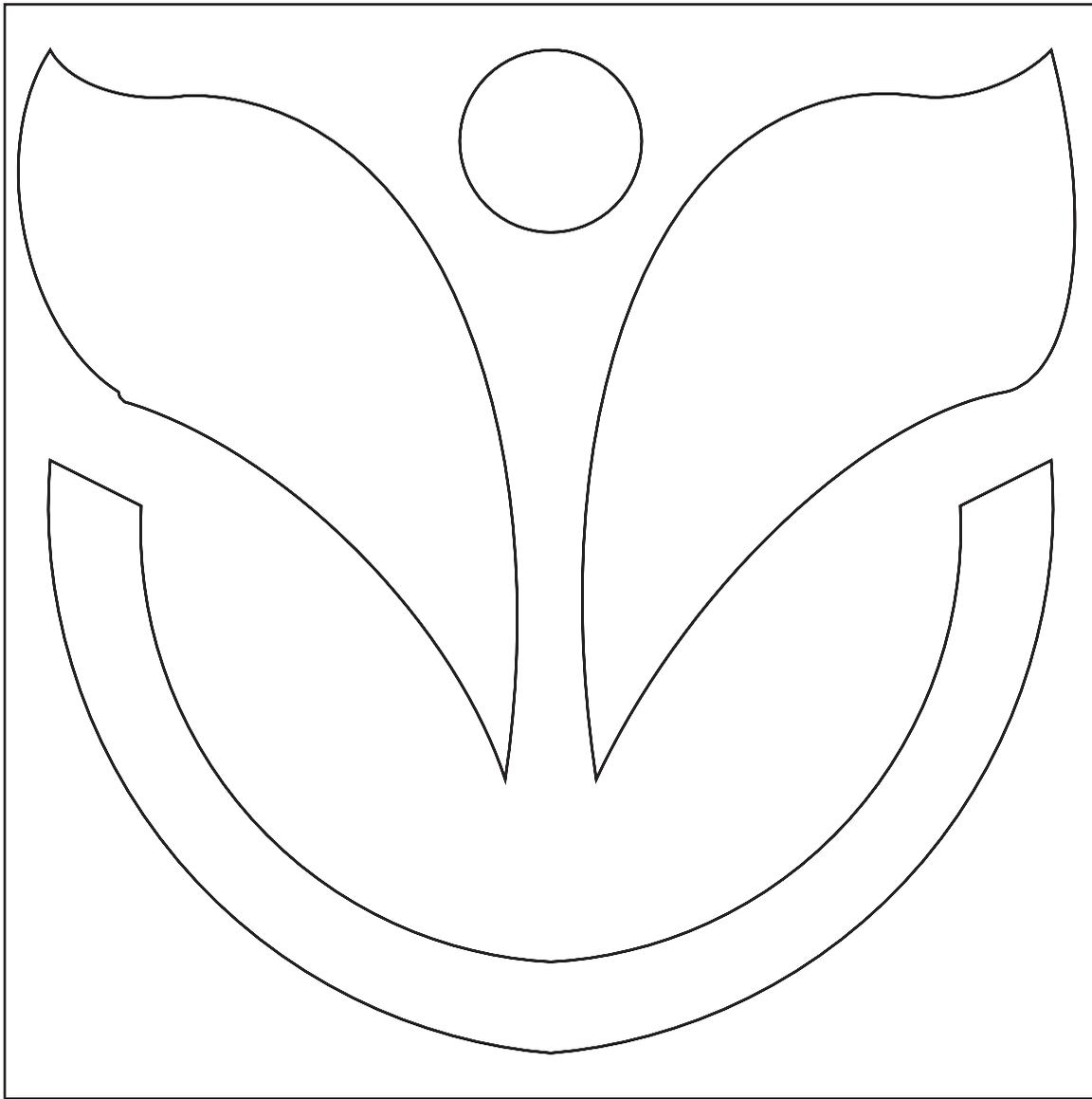
Jackie’s Cause

Jackie’s block recognizes her interest and support of the arts. She was responsible for inviting major artists, performers and Nobel Laureates to the White House and she was instrumental in the creation of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Arts.

“I think the major role of the First Lady is to take care of the President so that he can best serve the people. And not to fail her family, her husband, and children.”

~Jackie Kennedy





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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".

On October 20, 1968, Jackie married a second time to Aristotle Onassis, a Greek shipping magnate who died in 1975. She moved back to New York and worked in the publishing industry until her death of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma on May 19, 1994. She is buried next to her husband in Arlington National Cemetery.