Julia was born May 4, 1820 in Gardiner’s Island, New York, the daughter of Senator David Gardiner and Juliana McLachlan.

When she was 24 years old, she married John Tyler (30 years her senior) on June 26, 1844 on Gardiner’s Island, New York. Julia and John had seven children: David Gardiner, John Alexander, Julia, Lachlan, Lyon Gardiner, Robert Fitzwalter, and Pearl.

As a young girl, Julia was full of mischief and when she was 19 years old, she allowed her image to be used in an advertisement for a dry goods store under the title of “The Rose of Long Island.” Her parents were furious and sent her away to Europe where Julia was introduced to English royalty. She brought some of that pomp and circumstance into the White House as First Lady.

Julia introduced the tradition of playing “Hail to the Chief” upon the entrance of the President at state occasions.

Julia died July 10, 1889 in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 69.

The Rose of Long Island
Julia’s block was created to underscore her reputation as the “Rose of Long Island” – a curious tie to John Tyler’s first wife, Letitia.
**The Rose of Long Island**  
*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”.