

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 Constitution for the United States.



## LOUISA CATHERINE JOHNSON ADAMS

*First Lady (1825-1829)*

Louisa was born on February 12, 1775 in London, England, the daughter of Joshua Johnson and Catherine Nuth, although her parents did not marry until Louisa was 10 years old.

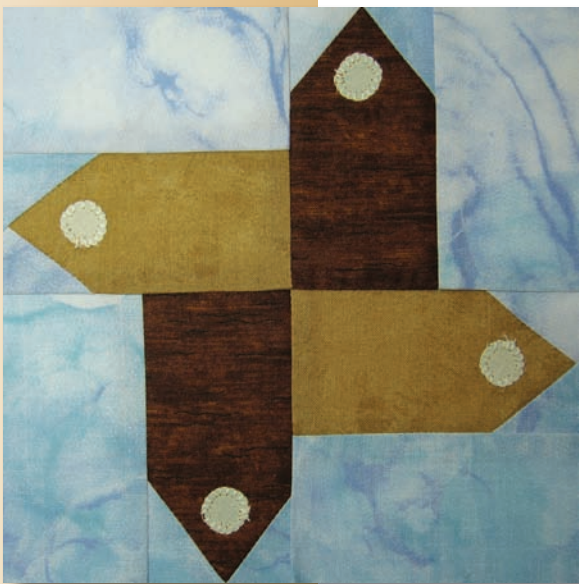
When she was 22 years old, she married John Quincy Adams on July 1797 in London, England. Louisa and John had four children: George Washington, John, Charles Francis and Louisa Catherine.

Louisa suffered a stroke in 1849 and died on May 15, 1852 at the age of 77.

Upon the death of Louisa Adams, both houses of Congress adjourned in mourning, making her the first woman whose death was so acknowledged by the federal government.

*“Popular governments are peculiarly liable to factions, to cabals, to intrigue. The people may often be deceived for a time by some fair-speaking demagogue, but they will never be deceived long.”*

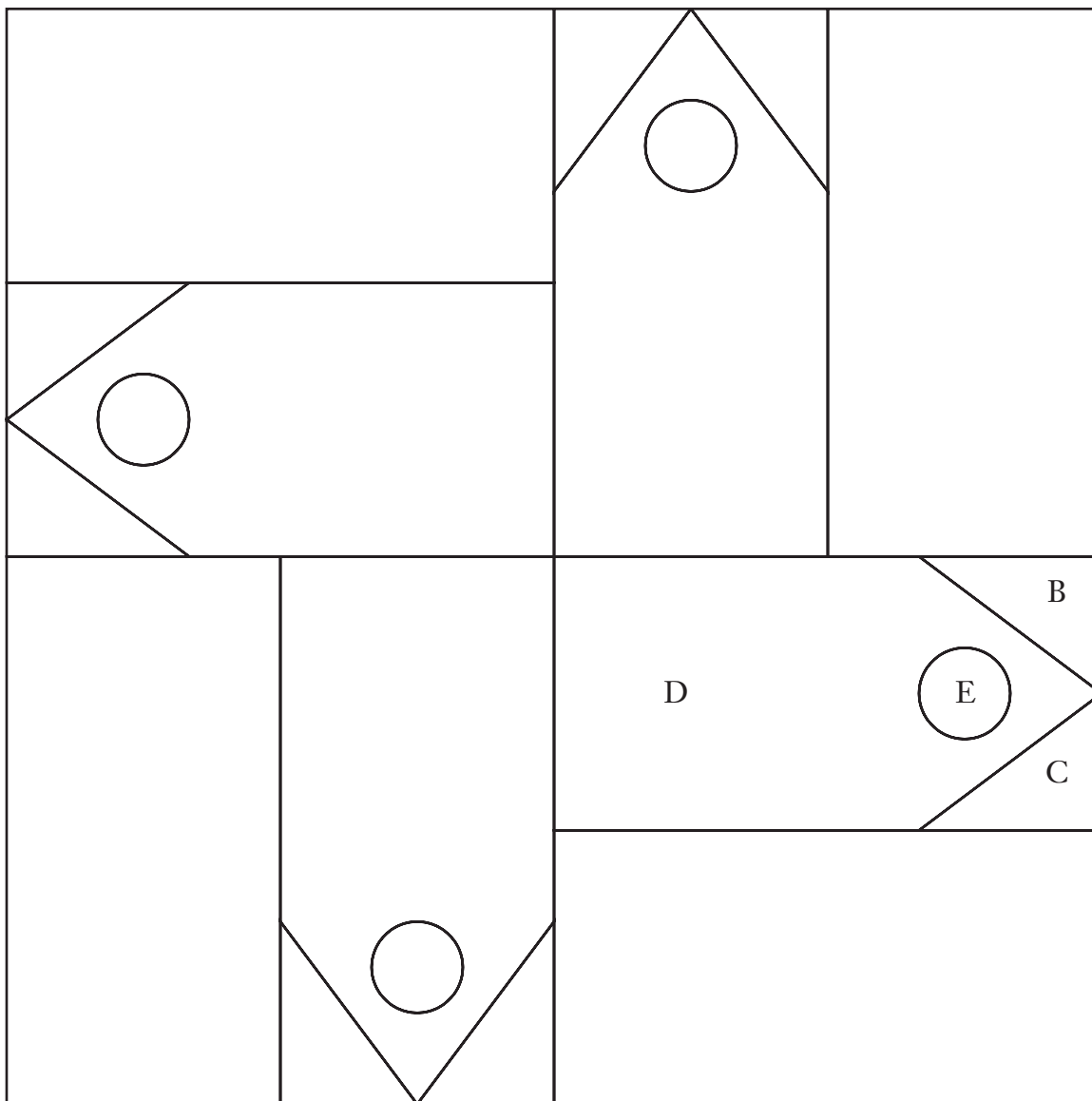
*~Louisa Adams*



### **Whirling Big Ben**

Louisa's block was created to acknowledge that she was the only First Lady born outside the United States.

Louisa was a prolific writer of poetry, plays and autobiographical material. One of her plays, "The Metropolitan Kaleidoscope," portrays a character named Lady Sharpley whose spirit and intelligence was repressed—a clear expression of how she felt about her own life. Her marriage was difficult and her immediate family was beset by tragedy and scandal.



**Whirling Big Ben**  
Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Blue	4	2" x 3½"
Blue	4	Template B
Blue	4	Template C
Light Brown	2	Template D
Dark Brown	2	Template D
White	4	Template E

Appliqué circles according to block design.  
Trim the block to 6½" x 6½".