

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 Federal Government for the United States of America.



LAURA WELCH BUSH

First Lady (2001–2009)

Laura was born on November 4, 1946 in Midland, Texas, the daughter of Harold Bruce Welch and Jenna Louise Hawkins.

Laura graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a master's degree in library science. She taught second grade in Houston for two years and then returned to Austin where she worked as a school librarian.

When she was 33 years old, she married George Bush on November 5, 1977 in New Haven, Connecticut. Laura and George had two children: Barbara and Jenna, who are twins.

As First Lady, Laura established the first National Book Festival and was associated with increasing the funding for libraries and museums.

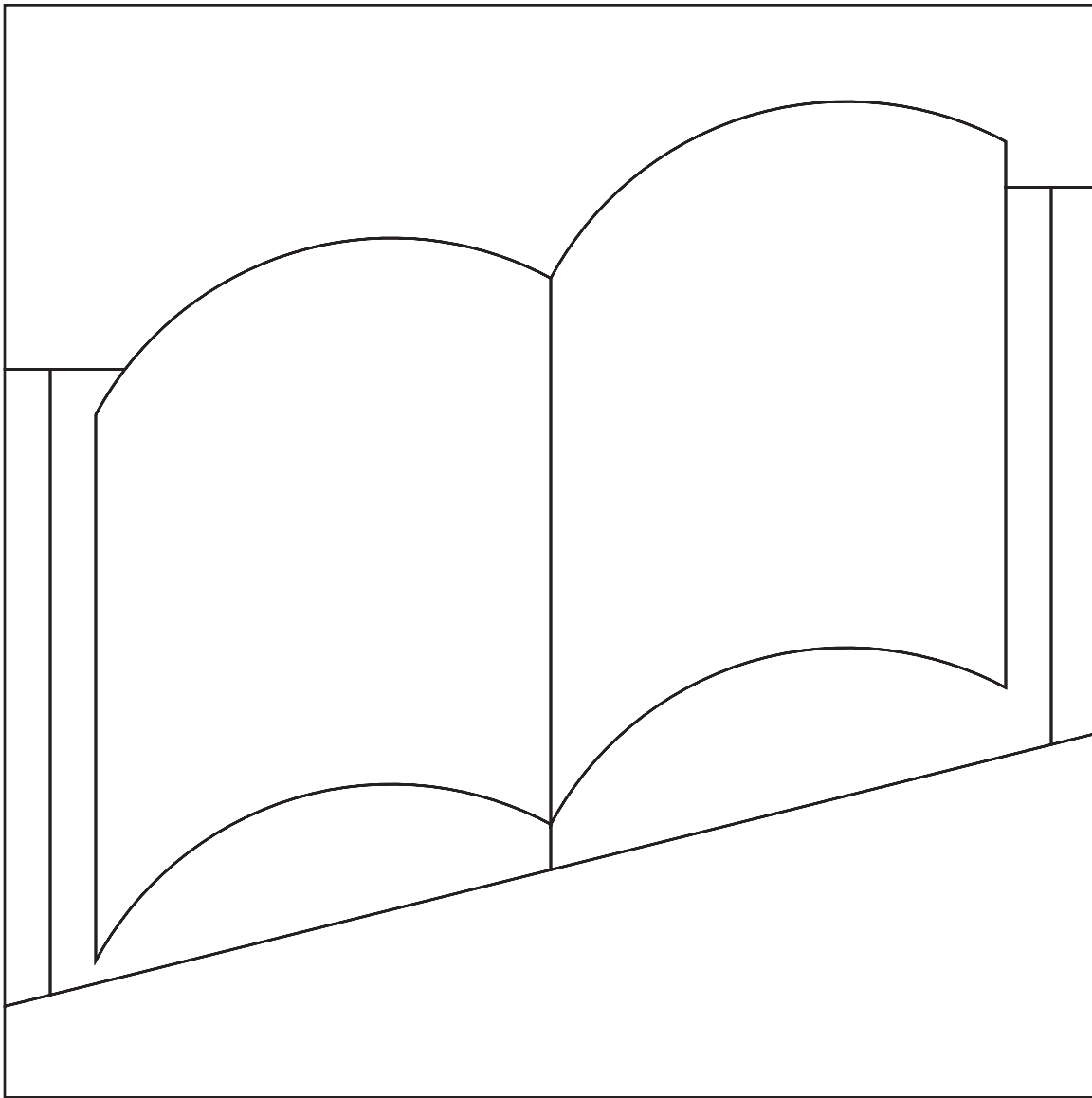
"The role of First Lady is whatever the First Lady wants it to be."

~Laura Bush



Laura's Literacy

Laura's block highlights that Laura, like her mother-in-law before her, focused on literacy as her First Lady cause.



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Making the Block

Using the diagram above (pattern is reversed for fusible appliqué), make templates and appliqué to a 7" square of background fabric according to the block design. Trim block to 6½" x 6½".