

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.



LUCRETIA RUDOLPH GARFIELD

First Lady (1881)

Lucretia was born on April 19, 1832 in Garrettsville, Ohio, the daughter of Zebulon Rudolph and Arabella Greene Mason.

When she was 26 years old, she married James Garfield on November 11, 1858 in Hiram, Ohio. Lucretia and James had seven children: Eliza Arabella, Harry Augustus, James Rudolf, Mary, Irvin McDowell, Abram, and Edward.

After receiving her college degree from Hiram Eclectic Institute where she studied literature, Lucretia became a teacher of French, Latin, algebra and art.

Despite a marriage where Lucretia calculated that she and her husband spent six weeks together over the span of six years, and a husband who had a love affair with a woman from New York, James and Lucretia finally settled into a marriage cemented by their mutual love for the classics.

Her duties as First Lady were cut short when her husband was shot and died on September 19, 1881.

Lucretia died in Pasadena, California at age 85.

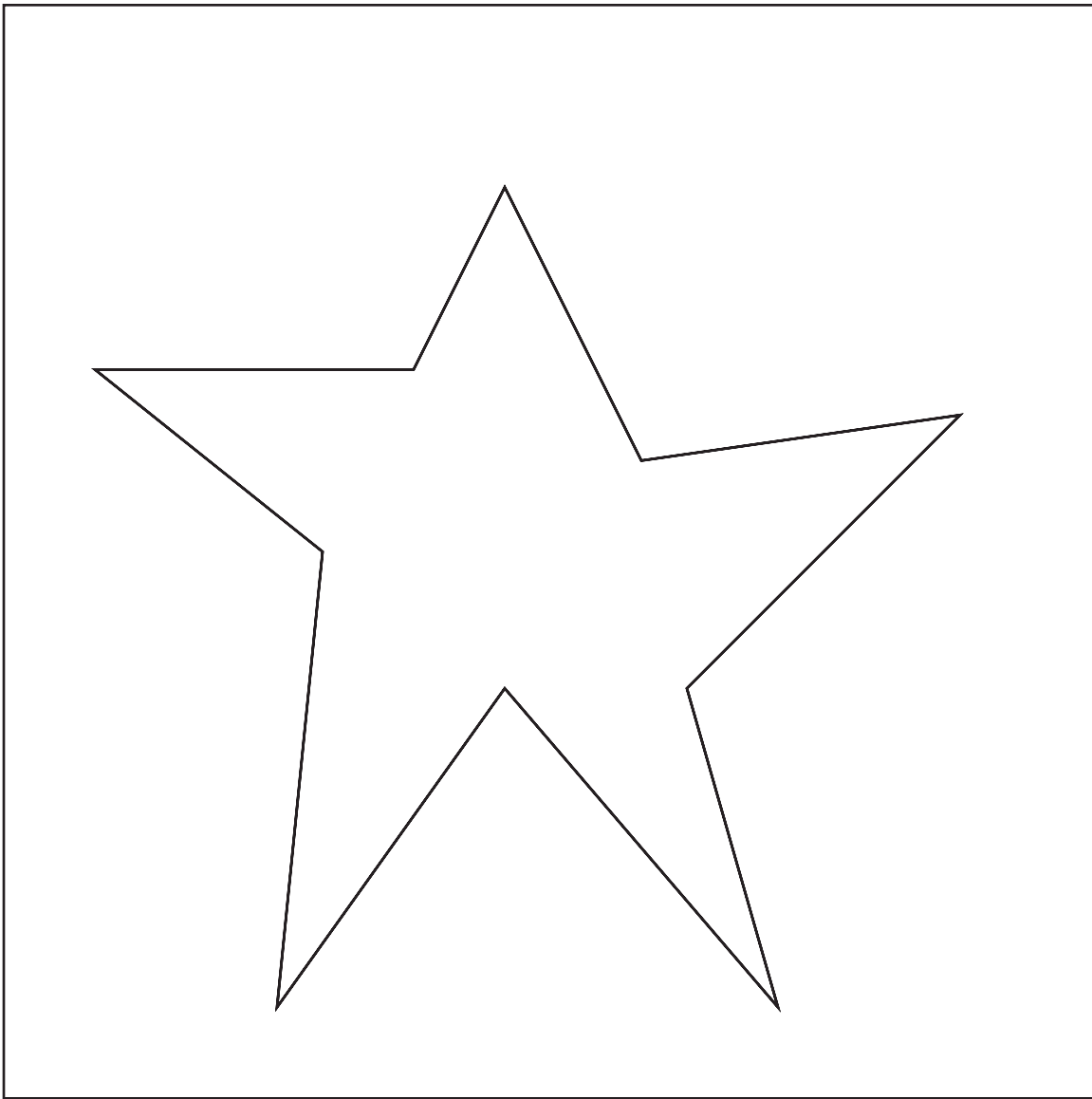
"I'm going to try harder than ever before to be the best little wife possible."

~Lucretia Garfield



Lucretia's Eclectic Star

Lucretia's block was designed to highlight the fact that she was the editor and illustrator of a school magazine called *The Eclectic Star*.



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Making the Block

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