

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.



LOU HENRY HOOVER

First Lady (1929-1933)

Lou was born on March 29, 1874 in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Charles Delano Henry and Frances Ida Ward.

Lou met Herbert Hoover at Stanford University where she was studying geology and by the time Herbert left to mine for gold in Australia, they were unofficially engaged to be married. Herbert proposed to Lou via telegram and she responded via cable. They married on February 10, 1899 and immediately boarded a ship to China where Herbert had a job as the chief engineer for the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company. They had two children: Herbert Clark and Henry.

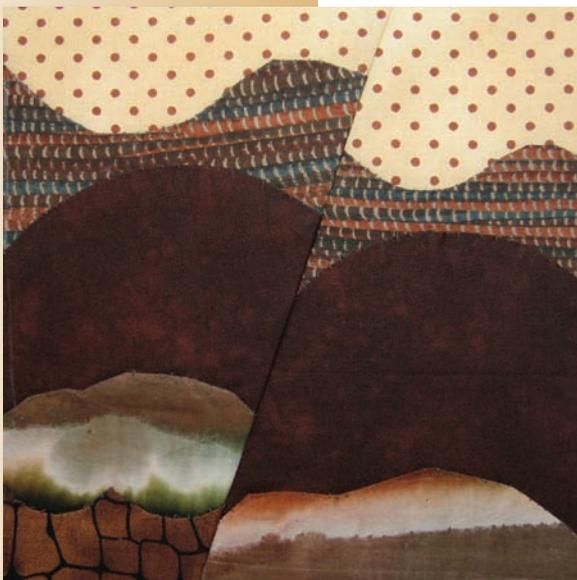
Prior to becoming First Lady, Lou spent many years in China and London. She spoke five languages and was an active supporter of the Girl Scouts, becoming the national president of this group. She also became the only woman officer of the National Amateur Athletic Association. While in Europe, Lou served as president of the American Women's War Relief Fund and Hospital, and the California Chapter of the Committee for Mercy. She also established the Women's Hospital in Belgium.

Lou's time as First Lady was marked by the terrible economic depression of the early thirties and the American public's anger at the government. Lou also made several decisions that made her unpopular: she invited all the Congressional wives to the White House and was heavily criticized for including the wife of an African-American Congressman from Chicago. She never regretted that decision.

Lou died on January 7, 1944 at the age of 69.

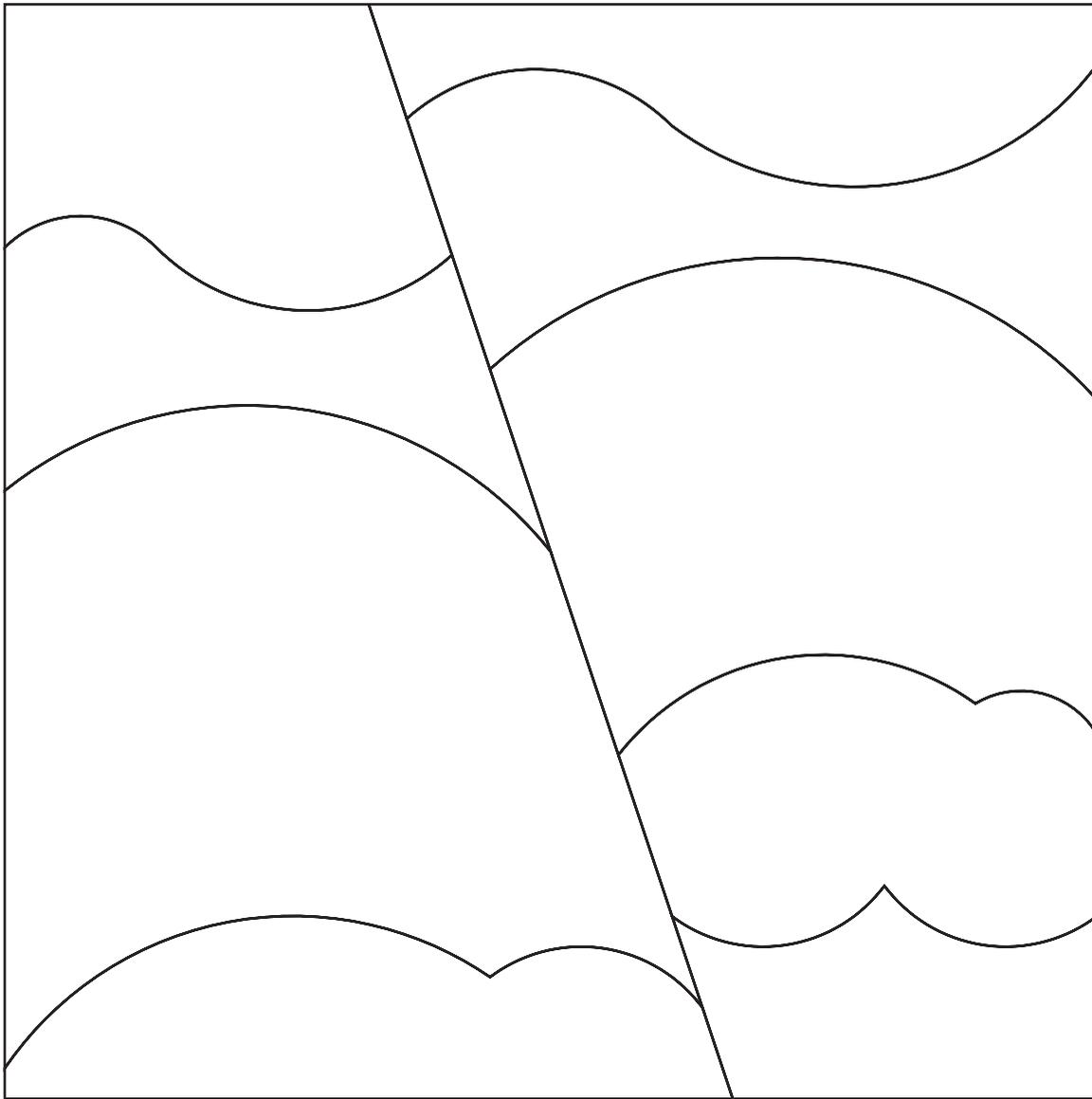
"It is very possible to have both a home and a career, (for) in this modern age we are released from so many of the burdens our grandmothers and great-grandmothers had to bear."

~Lou Hoover



Tectonic Lou

Lou's block celebrates the fact that she was the first woman in American to receive a degree in geology. It also pays homage to her intelligence and independent role as First Lady.



Tectonic Lou
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".