

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.



## LETITIA CHRISTIAN TYLER

*First Lady (1841–1842)*

Letitia was born on November 12, 1790 in Kent County, Virginia, the daughter of Robert Christian and Mary Eaton Browne.

When she was 22 years old, she married John Tyler on March 29, 1813 at her father's home, Cedar Grove Plantation. Letitia and John had seven children: Mary, Robert, John, Letitia Christian, Tyler Semple, Elizabeth, Alice and Tazewell.

In 1839, Letitia suffered a stroke which left her partially paralyzed. When her husband assumed the presidency as a result of the death of William Henry Harrison, Letitia spent most of her time as the First Lady in her private quarters. The only time she made a public appearance was at the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth. Letitia died in the White House on September 10, 1842.

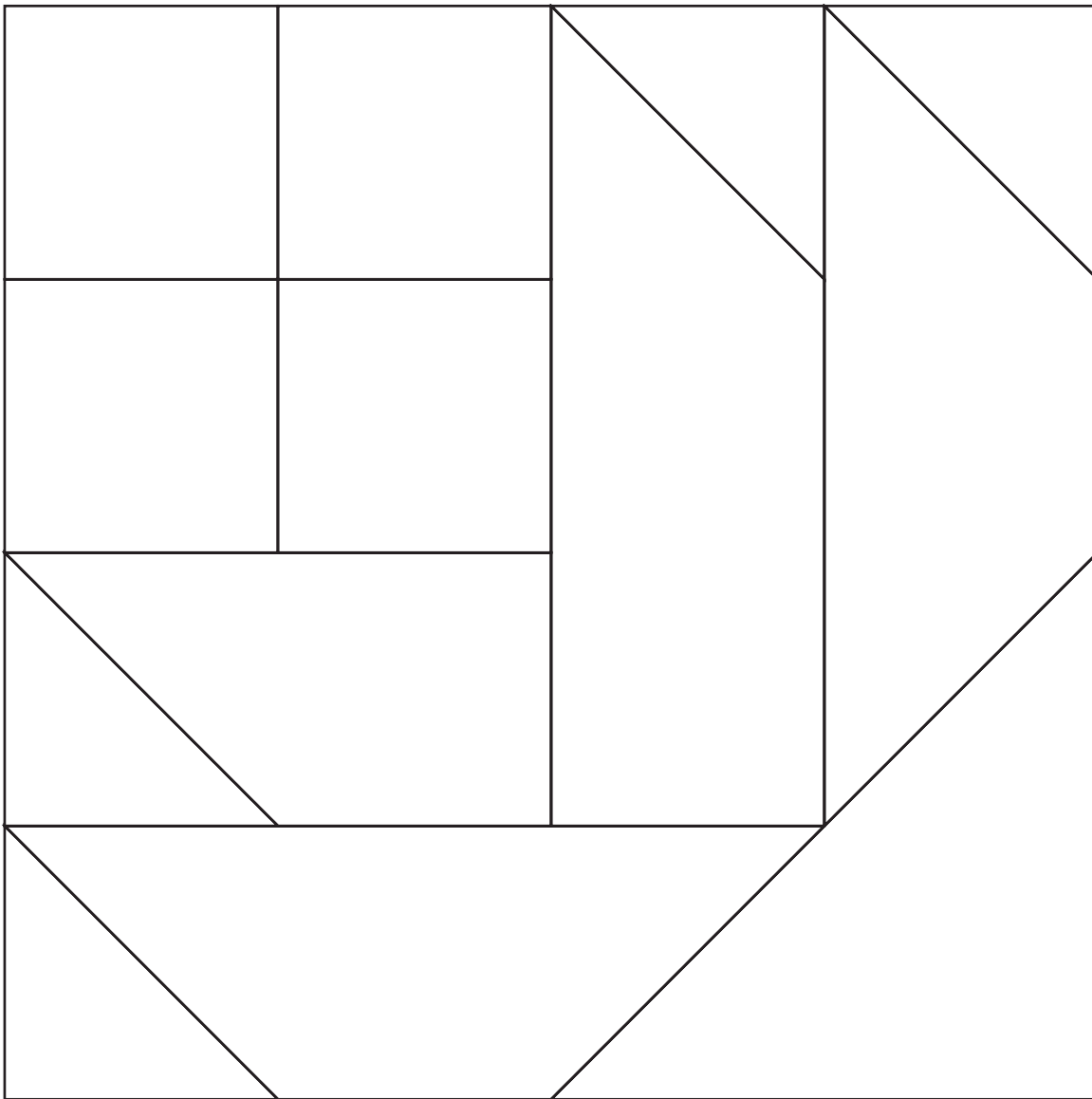
*"...I have frequently heard our father say that he rarely failed to consult her judgment in the midst of difficulties and troubles, and that she invariably led him to the best conclusion."*

*~Letitia's daughter, speaking about her mother*



### Letitia's Rose

Letitia's block was created to acknowledge that she was the first First Lady to die in the White House. She died holding a rose in her hand.



**Letitia's Rose**  
Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Cream	7	2" x 2"
	1	3½" x 3½"
Dark Red	1	2" x 2"
Medium Red #1	1	2" x 5"
	1	2" x 3½"
Medium Red #2	1	2" x 3½"
	2	2" x 6½"