

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 and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



## MARY ANNE TODD LINCOLN

*First Lady (1861–1865)*

Mary was born on December 13, 1818 in Lexington, Kentucky, the daughter of Robert Smith Todd and Eliza Ann Parker.

After a stormy courtship and a broken engagement, Mary married Abraham Lincoln when she was 23 years old, on November 4, 1842 in Springfield, Illinois. Mary and Abraham had four sons: Robert Todd, Edward Baker, William Wallace and Thomas.

Mary was the first First Lady to be called the “First Lady” in the media, but she had a difficult time in the White House: Southerners considered her a traitor and unionists suspected her of treason since many members of her family were sympathetic to the Confederacy.

Mary was very supportive of the abolitionist movement and considered the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 to be a personal victory.

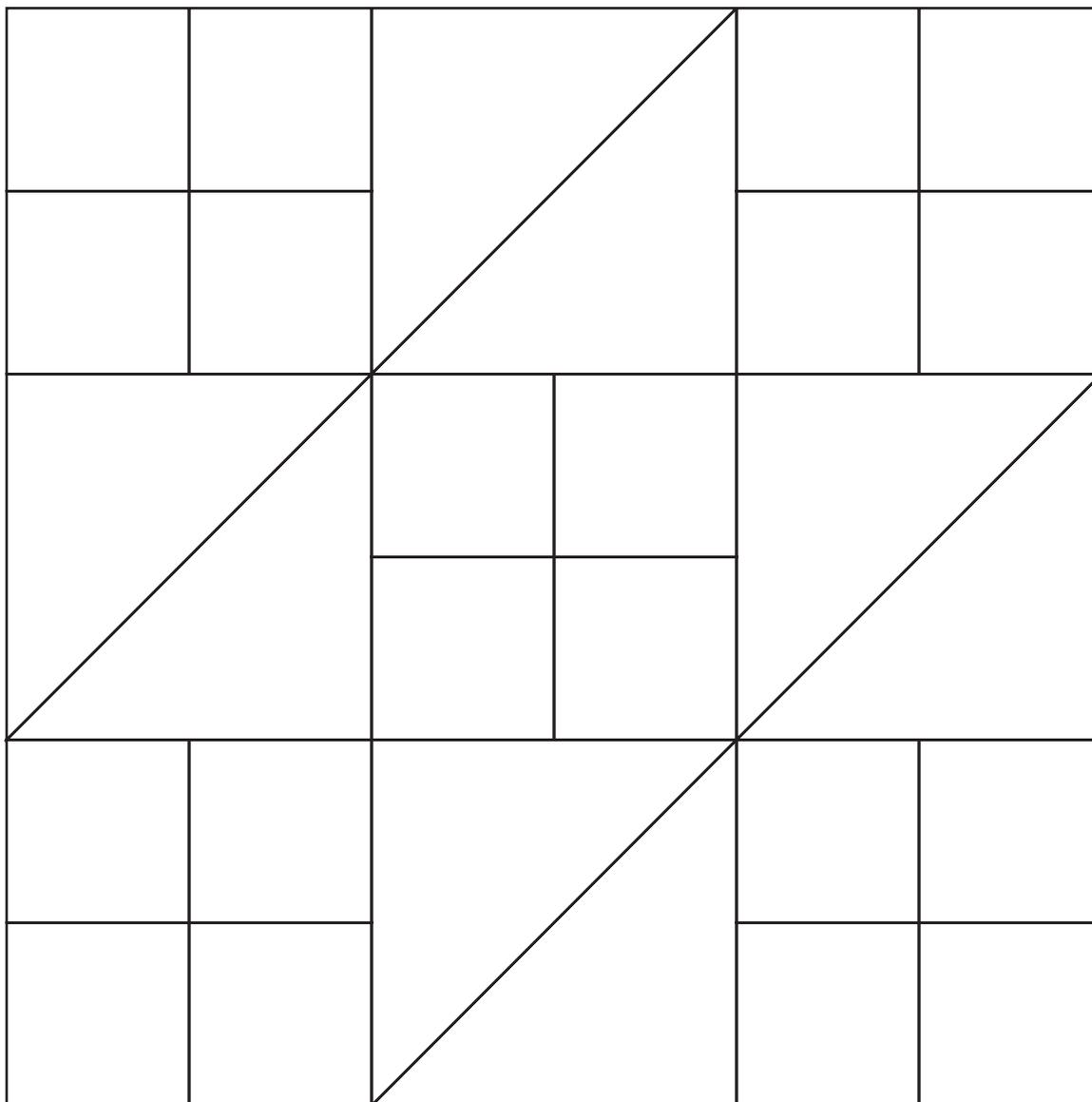
Her husband’s assassination in 1865 shattered Mary’s life and that event, combined with the sudden death of her son Tad, led her son Robert to declare her insane and she was committed to the Bellevue Insane Asylum in 1875. Freed by one of the first women attorneys in the US who believed she was being held against her will, Mary went to live with her sister until her death on July 16, 1882 at age 63.

*“My wife is as handsome as when she was a girl, and I... fell in love with her; and what is more, I have never fallen out.”*  
~Abraham Lincoln



### Underground Railroad

Mary’s block honors her support of the abolition of slavery.



**Underground Railroad**  
 Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Dark Brown	10	1½" x 1½"
Light Brown	1	1½" x 1½"
Blue	2	2" x 2"
Cream	2	2" x 2"

To make the half-square triangles, cut all of the 2" squares into 2 pieces by cutting on the diagonal.