

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 under the auspices of the Constitution for the United States.



MICHELLE LAVAUGHN ROBINSON OBAMA

First Lady (2009–)

Michelle was born on January 17, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Fraser Robinson III and Marian Shields.

Michelle grew up in Chicago and after graduating high school, she received her bachelor's degree in sociology from Princeton University (cum laude). She continued her education at Harvard Law School and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1988. She worked as an associate attorney for Sidley & Austin and as an assistant to the mayor of the city of Chicago.

Michelle met Barack Obama when they were both working at Sidley & Austin and they became engaged in 1991 and married on October 3, 1992 when she was 28 years old. They have two daughters: Malia Ann and Natasha (Sasha).

Prior to Barack's decision to run for the Presidency, Michelle had a series of jobs in the public and private sectors. She held positions as the Assistant Commissioner of Planning and Development in the office of the mayor of Chicago, Executive Director of Public Allies Chicago, Associate Dean of Student Services at the University of Chicago and Executive Vice President for community and external affairs at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

During Barack's service as a United States Senator, Michelle continued to work full time while raising their daughters. When her husband declared his candidacy for President, Michelle reduced her working hours and campaigned alongside Barack during the primary. Her mother, Marian, took over a large role in taking care of Malia and Sasha while their parents were traveling the country.

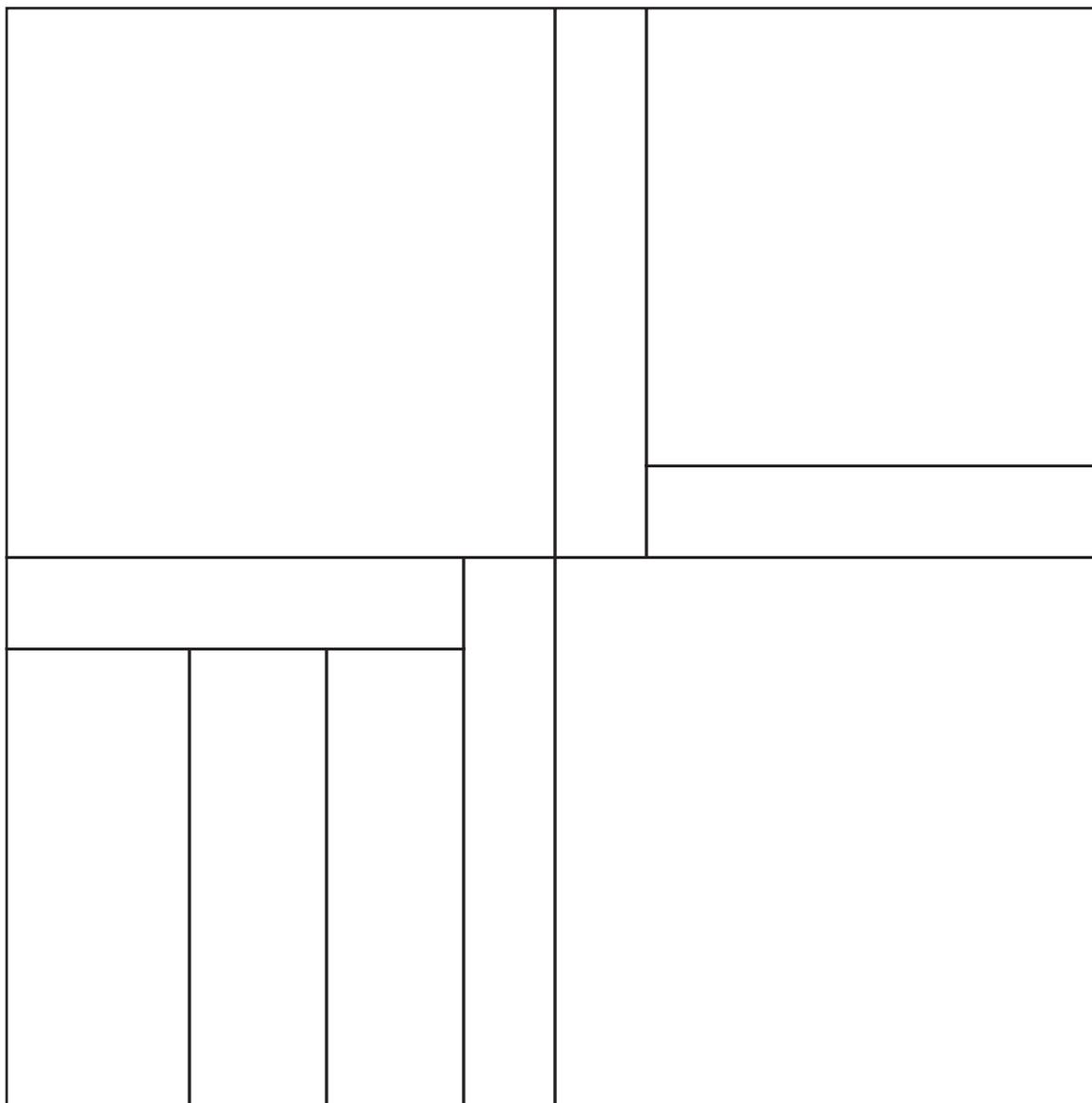
"Now that Barack has been elected President, it will be an honor to be First Lady. I will work daily on the issues closest to my heart: helping working women and families, particularly military families. But, as my girls reminded me in Denver, even as First Lady, my number one job is still to be Mom."

~Michelle Obama



Michelle's Ideas

Michelle's block is comprised of four elements, each one a statement about her First Lady intentions. The yellow square represents her primary priority of being a Mom to her daughters. The green squares represent her planting of the first vegetable garden at the White house and her interest in volunteering and serving others, and the red, white and blue stripes represent her interest in helping military families. The black borders remind us that she is the first African-American First Lady.



Michelle's Ideas
Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Green	1	3½" x 3½"
Dark Green	1	3½" x 3½"
Yellow	1	2¾" x 2¾"
Black	2	1¼" x 3½"
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Red	1	1¼" x 2¾"
White	1	1¼" x 2¾"
Blue	1	1¼" x 2¾"