

Underground Railroad – July 2025

Here are a couple of quotes from Harriet Tubman that I thought I would print out and let you decide if you want to put them on your quilt or not. I bought some fabric that had been coffee/tea dyed. I want to put my sayings on that fabric and embroider the quotes on that fabric.

My quilt will have a total of 20 blocks. I am doing 4 quotes embroidered and one quilt block that has the printable story of the Underground Railroad. I spoke with the UPS store and they told me as long as you have printable fabric that can be used in a laser printer that they could print it for us.

Quote #1:

I was a conductor of the underground railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say; I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger.-Harriet Tubman

Quote #2:

I had reasoned this out in my mind. There was one of two things I had a right to, liberty or death. If I could not have one, I would have the other. -Harriet Tubman

Quote #3

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.-Harriet Tubman

Quote #4 This was not by Harriet but I found it so fitting for this quilt.

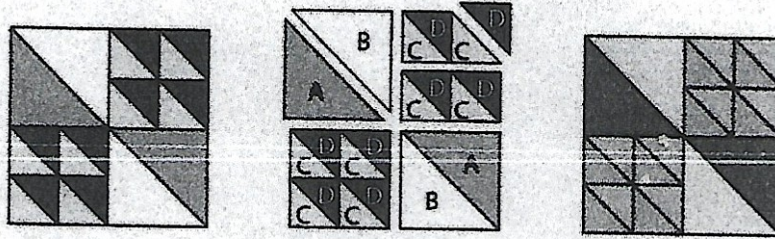
Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance, it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation for it come only once to a people. Those who have know freedom and then lost it have never known it again. -Ronald Regan 1/5/1967









Other words that were embroidered on tiny pieces of fabric and place in various places on the quilt are:

Liberty, justice, freedom, United we stand, divided we fall, Equality, humanity.

The "flock" quilt block – or Birds in the air

The birds in the air are symbolic of flight and migration. A clever quilter wishing to assist the runaways could show direction simply by making one set of geese flight path distinct from the others.



FOR	CUT	NEED	6	8	10"	12	36
A	1 	2 	3 1/2	4 7/8	5 7/8	6 7/8	18 7/8
B	1 	2 	3 1/2	4 7/8	5 7/8	6 7/8	18 7/8
C	4 	8 	2 3/8	2 7/8	3 3/8	3 7/8	9 7/8
D	4 	8 	2 3/8	2 7/8	3 3/8	3 7/8	9 7/8



Story of the Underground Railroad



The Monkey Wrench



turns the Wagon Wheel



toward Canada.

With help from Jesus, the Carpenter,



follow the Bears' Trail



through the woods.

Fill your Baskets



with enough food and supplies to get you to the

Crossroads



. Once you get to the Crossroads, dig a Log Cabin



in the ground.

Shoofly



told us to dress up in cotton and satin Bow Ties



. Follow the Flying Geese



and Birds in the Air



, stay on the Drunkard's Path



. Take the Sailboat



across the Great Lakes to the North Star



above Canada.