

The Filson Historical Society Crazy Quilt Activity Sheet

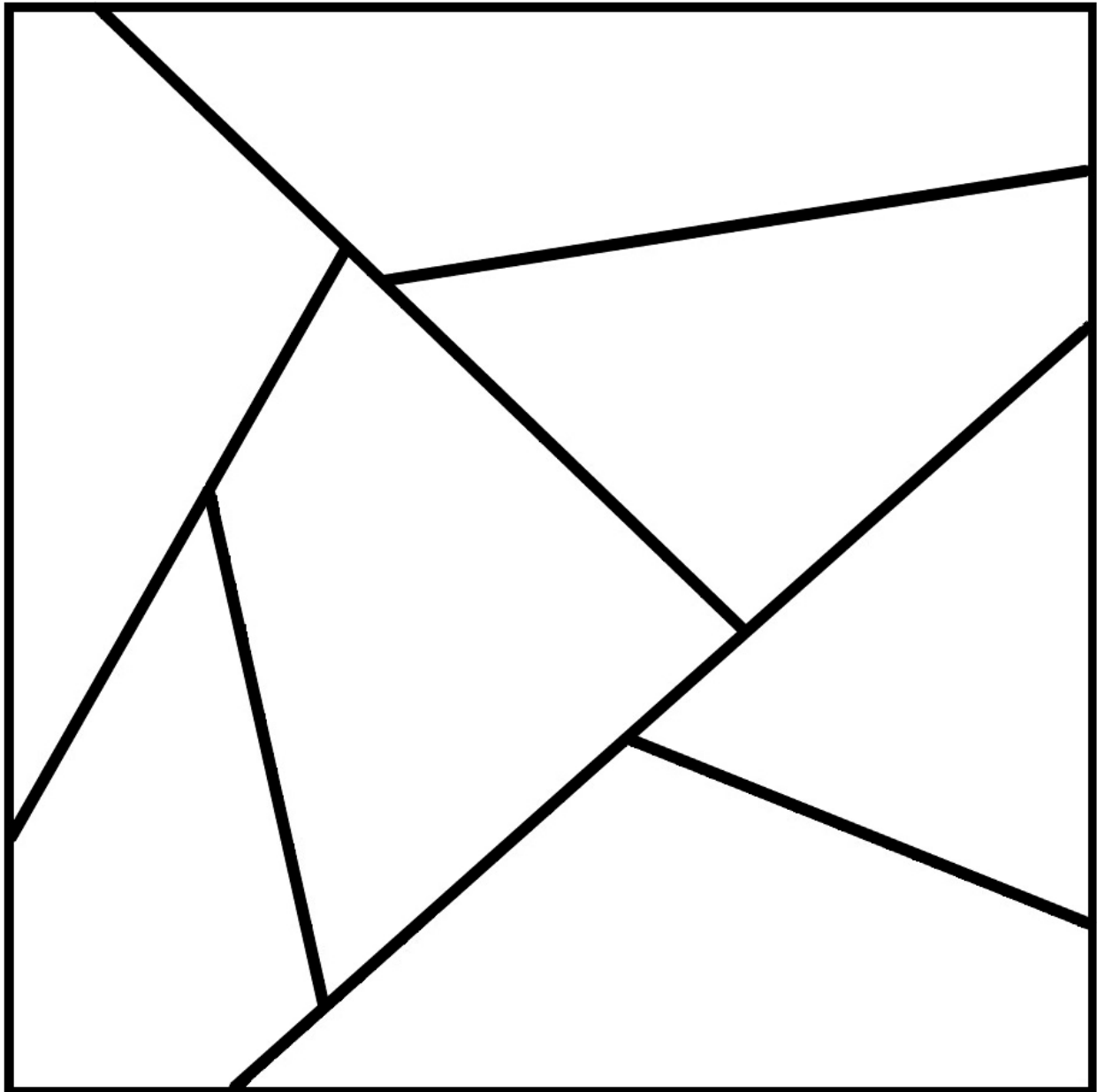
Crazy quilt made by Leviann Gist Webb, circa 1890 in New Castle Kentucky. Filson Museum Collection [2017.11.1]

This quilt is a type of family tree! Each block represents a specific family member in the Webb-Barbour family, with a name and symbols about that person hand-stitched on it. The blocks were made by Leviann and assembled into a quilt top by her daughter, Sally Barbour.



How would you represent yourself or your family member in a crazy quilt block?

Here is a quilt block for you to design and color. You may want to draw a picture or initials in each space, and then draw “stitches” along the lines.



Here are links to examples of stitches used in crazy quilts:

Blanket stitch: <https://trc-leiden.nl/trc-needles/techniques/embroidery/embroidery-stitches/blanket-stitch>

French Knots: <https://trc-leiden.nl/trc-needles/techniques/embroidery/embroidery-stitches/french-knot>

Herringbone stitch: <https://trc-leiden.nl/trc-needles/techniques/embroidery/embroidery-stitches/herringbone-stitch>