



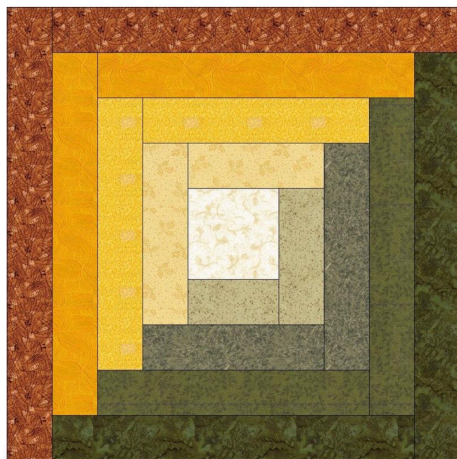
North Star

This quilt pattern told the slaves to look to the skies to help to navigate their way to freedom by the North Star. The star followed the popular song, “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” which was a reference to the Big Dipper constellation.



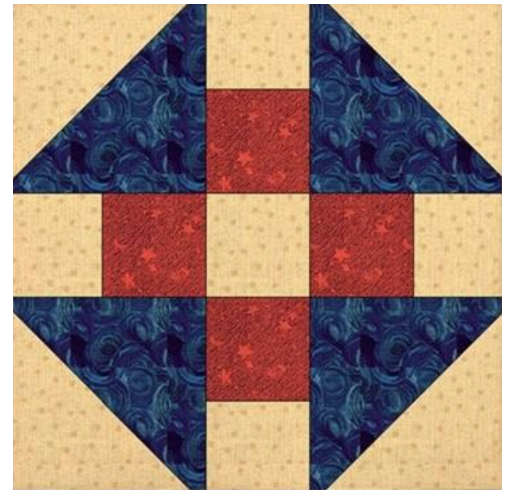
Bow Ties

After the slaves long journey, they looked pretty tattered. In order to disguise themselves as a freed person they would need to change their clothing. The bow tie symbol was the code to tell the slaves that someone would bring them nicer clothing to wear like hats with a fancy bow around the chin or clean church clothes.



Log Cabin

This symbol meant that you had reached a safe house. Log cabins were manned by Quaker, whom did not believe in slavery, and other friends of slaves. At the safe house, slaves could rest, have a meal, and get ready for the rest of their journey.



Monkey Wrench

Just like a monkey wrench is a tool. This tool was the symbol for the slaves to get ready. They should gather the tools they would need to build shelters, navigate through their journey and defend themselves along the way.



Drunkard’s Path

This quilt pattern was a sign that slave hunters were near. The slaves needed to either go back one space or double back to immediately elude the hunters.