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Quilt as a Craft

- The American Quilt Story
  The How-To and How-Of of a Craft
  by Susan and Linda

- Judy Martin's Log Cabin Book
  Patterns & Possibilities for Log Cabin & Log Quilts
  Color & Value
  Quick Cutting
  Simple Sewing
  Best Methods
  Helpful Hints
  Block Variants
  Splendid Sets
  Better Borders
  Quilting Ideas

- The American Quilt
  A History of Cloth and Comfort 1790-1900
  Text by Mary Elizabeth Johnson

- Roderick Kiracofe
  Step-by-Step Directions for 30 Antique Quilts
  Image from ALL MY BOOKS

- "American quilt began" in USA today.
Techne: topic in original craft form
Technology: study of techne in relation to its original function and intention
Technism: modern presentation of the techne
Can also be a perversion of the study of the techne or ‘technology’
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Carolina Lily Circa 1876
Maker Unknown
Courtesy, International Quilt Study Center and Museum
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Virtue Liberty and Independence
July Fourth
Untitled, Deborah Coates, 1833
Icon for British Anti-Slavery Association
Created by Josiah Wedgewood
1787
AM I NOT A MAN AND A BROTHER?
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Deliver me from the oppression of man.
Patch on the Untitled quilt
Created by Deborah Coates
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