

Secret Codes of Quilt

			It was used as a guide to find water, food and places to rest	North Star	North was the direction of traffic on the Underground Railroad
Tumbling Blocks	A symbol indicating it was time for slaves to pack up and go, that a conductor was in the area		Flying Geese	This signal was used to show the direction of Big Dipper constellation	
				Drunkard's Path	
Bear's Paw	Follow a mountain trail, out of view, and then follow an actual bear's trail which would lead to water and food	Wagon Wheel	A signal to the slave to pack the items needed to travel by wagon	A warning signal to take a zigzag route to elude pursuing slave hunters and their hounds	
			A symbol indicating it was necessary to travel in disguise or		Monkey Wrench
A symbol referring to a signal that involved broken crockery at some future landmark	Broken Dishes	to change from the clothing of a slave to those of a person of higher status	Bow Tie		A signal to gather all the tools required for the fleeing slave's journey
		Cross roads		Britches	A symbol indicating the escaping slave needed to dress as a free person
Sailboat	A signal that either a body of water was nearby or that boats were available	A symbol referring to Cleveland, Ohio, which was the main crossroads with several routes to freedom			