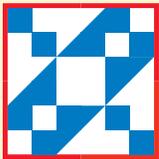




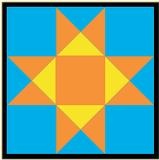
The Stitch Loop - 45 miles



8 Jacob's Ladder Block A traditional pattern that is also known as the Underground Railroad Block, was the most common indication that travelers had reached a secure station. The block hangs on a barn that was constructed in the late 1800's.

17002 Mush Run Road

Directions: Turn right onto East State street from the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau and go 2½ miles until E. State turns into US 50 East. Take US 50 East for 2 miles and turn left on State Route 690. Follow SR 690 for 3 miles to Mush Run Rd. (CR 34) and turn right. Continue for 1 mile and the barn is on the right.



9 Ohio Star Block Easily one of the most recognized of all quilt star blocks. References to this block goes back to the turn of the century and was thought to have also been used as part of the "coded quilts" on the Underground Railroad. The two-story bank barn has been in the Koehler Family since 1925 and was constructed in the 1880s as a part of an expansive farm running along the Hocking River.

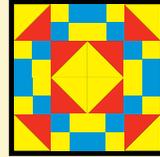
7400 Koehler Lane

Directions: Continue on Mush Run 1/8 mile and turn around at the Joyce Rd. (T-221) intersection and go back on Mush Run to SR 690. Turn left on SR 690 back to US 50. Turn left onto US 50E and go 3 miles to T-223 (Koehler Lane). Turn left and then right (paralleling US 50). The barn is on the left. 



10 All Roads Lead to Athens Block Athens County has two US Routes (US 50 & US 33), fifteen scenic State Routes (7,13,32,56,78,144,278,329,356,550,681,682,685,690) and a mass web of County and Township Roads. This totals over 1100 miles. This two-story bank barn was also built in the late 1800's and has been in the Robinson Family since 1904.

Directions: Turn around on Koehler Rd. And get back onto US 50 E (left turn). Follow US 50 for 4 ½ miles to TR-143 A and turn right Follow 143 A until it ends. The barn sits up on the hill overlooking US 50. 



7373 State Route 329

11 Buckeye Block This block mimics the leaf of the buckeye tree. The buckeye became Ohio's official tree in 1953. The barn is located on the Red Bird Ranch and was built in the early 1900's. A 140 room martin house sits on the site was built over 60 years ago by a local craftsman.

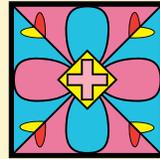
Directions: Get back on to US 50 and proceed west (left turn). Take US 50W for 2 ½ miles to State Route 329 and turn right at the Marathon Station. Continue through Guysville on 329 for 1 ½ miles. The barn is on the left. 



State Route 329, Kilvert

12 Ridges Arrows Block One of three "Ridges" blocks created from the asylum ironwork designed by Herman Haerlin. The asylum itself was built from bricks which were fired from clay found on-site. The barn was built circa 1830 by Michael Tabler of the first family in Kilvert. The property still belongs in the Tabler Family today.

Directions: Continue on State Route 329 North (away from Guysville) through Stewart. The barn is 4 miles from The Buckeye Block on SR 329 just before the town of Kilvert. (approx 2 miles after Stewart) 



18660 State Route 550

13 Athens Ridges Cross & Clover Block The second of the Herman Haerlin ironwork pattern. Built over a period of six years, The Athens Asylum first opened its doors on January 9, 1874. The bank barn is also over 125 years old and has been lovingly restored.

Directions: Continue straight on State Route 329 for 7 miles to the intersection with State Route 550. The Athens Ridges Cross & Clover Block is straight ahead and slightly right. 



16232 Henry Road

14 Ridges Spinning Top The final Ridges block patterned from the unique ironwork of the old state asylum, today is home to the Kennedy Museum named in honor of Edwin Kennedy and Ruth Zimmerman Kennedy who were great supporters of Ohio University. The structure is an old bank barn that dates back to the 1880s.

Directions: Turn Left onto State Route 550W/329N and go 1 ½ miles to Amesville. Turn right onto SR 329N. Go 1½ miles north to Fleming Road (CR 35) and turn left (just after the bridge). Travel 1/8 mile to Henry Road (continue straight). Follow Henry Rd. (gravel) for 3/4 mile. The barn is on the left.

Retrace Henry and Fleming Roads back to SR 329. Turn right and follow SR 329 for 1½ miles back to Amesville. SR 550 to the right goes to US 33 or to US 50/32 via SR 690 (see the map on the other side)

 = **Bus Friendly Barn**