Women’s Suffrage
100th Anniversary Quilt Challenge

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”
Alice Paul Sewing Star on Suffrage Flag, representing the states that had ratified the 19th amendment.

Alice Stokes Paul (1885–1977) was founder and chair of the Congressional Union, later the National Woman’s Party. Raising a glass to the flag in Sept 1920.
19th Amendment Victory Flag
As the 19th amendment made its way through the approval process, a star was sewn on after each state ratified the amendment. 36 States were needed.
Purple, White and Gold were the colors of the American Suffragette movement.
Loyalty, Purity and Life.

“Purple is the color of loyalty, constancy to purpose, unswerving steadfastness to a cause. White, the emblem of purity, symbolizes the quality of our purpose; and gold, the color of light and life, is as the torch that guides our purpose, pure and unswerving.” The Suffragist, Vol. 1 No. 4
Dianne Little’s Woman Suffrage Quilt Center is from Women’s Suffrage poster by Evelyn Rumsey Cary about 1905. Grandmother’s Choice blog.
Crazy Quilt features many gold ribbons from women’s organizations.

A challenge quilt could include slogans and words about voting from the present and the past. Great if you have an embroidery machine, but words could also be printed or painted on fabric.
In January 1917, members of the National Woman's Party (NWP) became the first people to picket the White House. Protesting the government's failure to pass a constitutional amendment enfranchising women, NWP members, led by Alice Paul, began picketing the White House.
In June 1917 DC police began arresting the picketers. When they were released from jail, they were presented with silver pins with prison doors and heart shaped locks.
1915 Postcard on Women’s Suffrage
Votes for Women
1st
Wanted Everywhere!

To My Valentine
Love me
Love my Vote
ALL THIS COMES OF TEACHING GIRLS TO READ
Grandmotherschoice.blogspot.com  2012 – 2013
Block of the week, blocks from BlockBase

Grandmother’s Choice

Brick Pavement: March on Washington
“Everybody’s Favorite”
to represent universal suffrage

Alice’s Flag
Minnesota
Lena's Choice

Sarah's Choice

Sister's Choice
Dakota Star

Granny's Choice

Mollie's Choice
Grandmother's Choice

Caroline's Choice
Century of Progress
Sister’s Choice Frame with photo of my grandmother, Mabel McCluskey

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Susan B. Anthony
Contrary Wife block
Mollie’s Choice
Sister’s Choice – 10” block
Granny’s Choice
Grandmother’s Choice
Granny’s Choice – 2 block x 2 block layout
Sarah’s Choice
Lena’s Choice – piecing instructions here:
http://catscrossing-laura.blogspot.com/2013/07/lenas-choice.html
Brick Pavement March on Washington

Key Block (5/8 actual size)

Cutting Diagrams

A

2 3/16

2 3/16

B

7 3/16

7 3/16

C

4 3/16

4 3/16

D

3 5/16

4 3/4

E

3 5/16

3 5/16

F

3 5/16

2 5/8

Patch Count

4 patches

2 patches

1 patch

2 patches

4 patches

4 patches
Alice’s Flag – variation from EQ –

I would use the layout to draft template for the star, hand piece and then applique to pieced background