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| **The Underground Railroad Quilt Code Patterns** | |
| Monkey Wrench | **Monkey Wrench** Prepare the tools you’ll need for the long journey, including the mental and spiritual tools. Or (as a Ship’s Wheel), the pilot is prepared to begin the transport. |
| Wagon Wheel | **Wagon Wheel** Load the wagon or prepare to board the wagon to begin the escape. |
| Bear's Paw | **Bear’s Paw** Take a mountain trail, out of view. Follow the path made by bear tracks; they can lead you to water and food. |
| Crossroads | **Crossroads** Refers to Cleveland, Ohio, a destination offering several routes to freedom. It also signifies reaching a point where a person’s life will change, so one must be willing to go on. |
| Log Cabin | **Log Cabin** A secret symbol that could be drawn on the ground indicating that a person is safe to talk to. It also advises seeking shelter. |
| Shoofly | **Shoofly** Possibly identifies a friendly guide who is nearby and can help. |
| Bowtie | **Bowtie** Dress in a disguise, or put on a change of clothes. |
| Flying Geese | **Flying Geese** Points to a direction to follow, such as where geese would fly during spring migration. |
| Drunkard's Path | **Drunkard’s Path** Create a zig-zag path, do not walk in a straight line, to avoid pursuers in this area. |
| Star | **Star** Follow the North Star. Worked in conjunction with the popular song, “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” a reference to the Big Dipper constellation. |