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Bag of Fun!

Quilts

Introduction

A quilt is a blanket made of smaller pieces of fabric sewn together in a pattern. Quilts have three different layers, like a sandwich: the front and back are the “bread,” and the layer of warm material like wool on the inside is the “meat”. The 3 layers are “quilted” or sewn together to make one blanket.



Crazy Quilt, Collection of the Met Museum

A crazy quilt is a type of quilt that was popular in the 1800s. Crazy quilts were made of many different types of fabric, and often included scraps of old clothing, ribbons, and buttons. With all the different fabrics and patterns, they look a little crazy!

Crazy Quilt Bookmarks

You'll need: construction paper (we used black), a glue stick, a silver pen (optional), any paper scraps you'd like, buttons, etc.

1. Cut out a bookmark-size piece of construction paper.
2. Layer the scraps of paper on the bookmark any way you'd like. Cut out different shapes and patterns.
3. Use scraps from around your house—maybe there are magazines, or newspapers you could use.
4. Add buttons, string, etc—be creative!
5. Use your silver pen or marker to add “stitches” in between the patches.



Story Quilts

Some quilts are made to tell stories. You can “read” a quilt like you might read a book.

Watch these videos to hear artist and quilter Faith Ringgold read her story “Tar Beach” and talk about her story quilt.

Faith Ringgold reads Tar Beach:

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Faith Ringgold talks about her quilt:

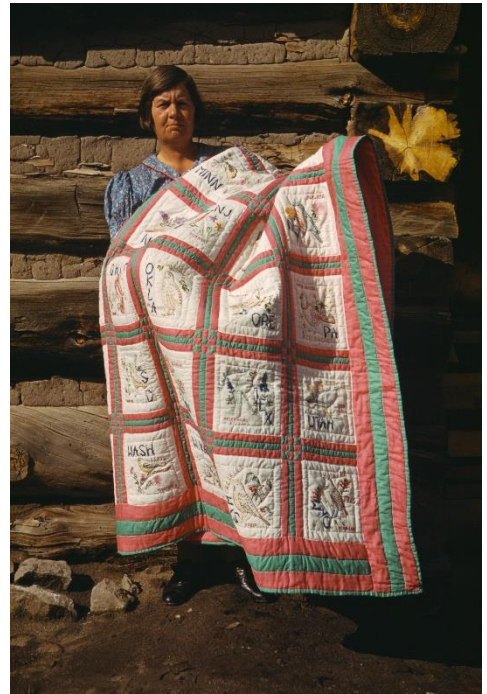
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Quilt by Faith Ringgold, Collection of the Guggenheim

Fun Facts about Quilts

- Most quilts are “built” from fabric squares. These squares are sewn together until they are large enough to be a blanket.
- Patchwork quilts are quilts made from leftover fabric and old clothing.
- People sew quilts by hand and with machines, which are much faster.
- The largest quilt is 270,174 square feet, which is 50 times larger than the square footage of the White House!



Quilt with all of the state flowers and birds, ca 1940

Quilt Matching Answer Key



Arrowhead



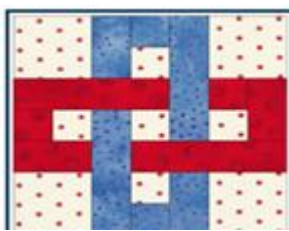
Autumn Leaf



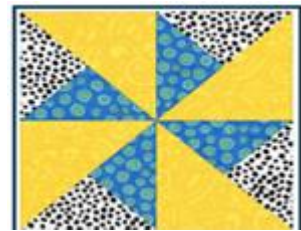
Bear Tracks



Bow Tie



Chain Link



Double Pinwheel

Game - Quilt Pattern Match

Some quilt patterns have special names.

Draw a line from the pattern to the name you think matches it.



Bow Tie



Bear Tracks



Arrowhead



Double Pinwheel



Autumn Leaf



Chain Link