

# *Quilting Patterns*

## ACTIVITY

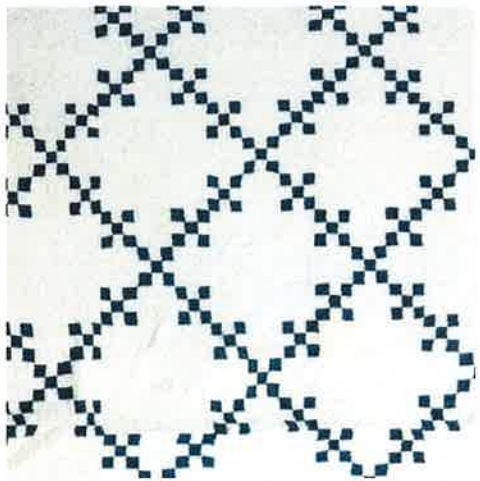
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Quilting is the stitching of layers of material together, usually based on a pattern or design. The history of quilting can be traced back to at least medieval times. The word quilt has been traced back to the Latin word of 'culcita', meaning a bolster or cushion. Pioneer women would often gather to work on their quilts at the same time, or all work on the same quilt. These "quilting bees" were a way to gather socially while still achieving necessary work.

Quilting patterns range from simple to very detailed. Some patterns, such as the nine-patch, are simple and can be pieced together quickly. Others, such as an intricate star pattern, can show a quilter's skill. A few different quilt patterns from the museum's collection are featured on the following page.

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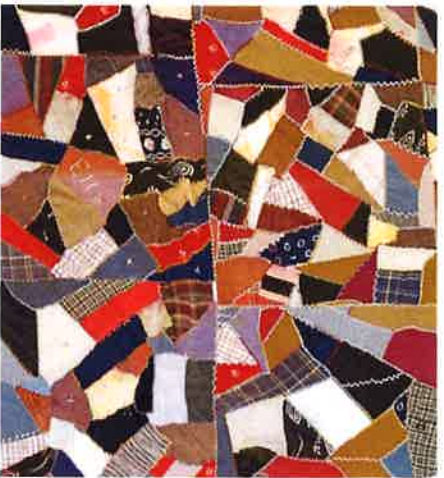
The attached activity is designed to give you a chance to make your own pattern. Some shapes have been provided and you can also make your own. Color them however you like and create your own quilt pattern. Feel free to give it a name!



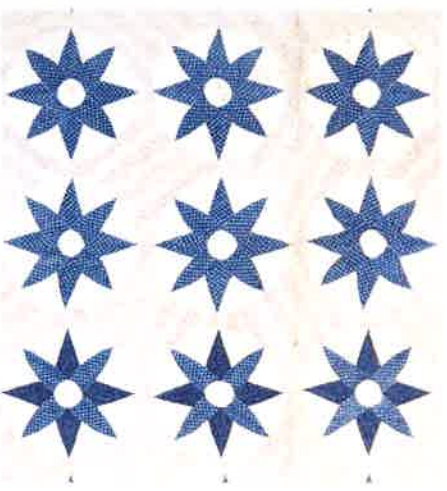
Single Irish Chain  
(a type of nine-patch)



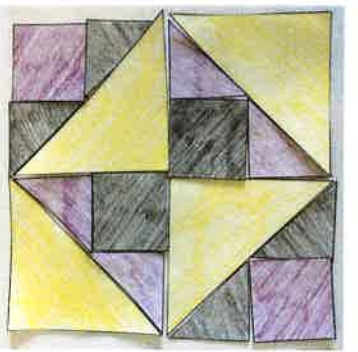
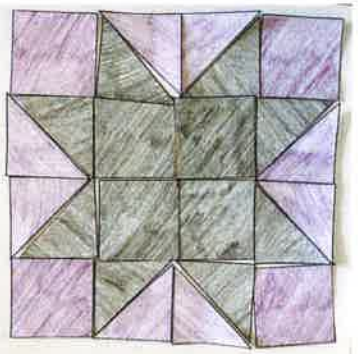
Sun Bonnet Sue



Crazy Quilt



Eight Point Star

Sample designs using  
shapes provided

