



MUSEUM FROM HOME

Art Explorers' Story Hour | December 2020

LET'S GET COZY!

Look!

What do you see in this quilt?

How many birds can you find?

Can you find one that doesn't look like the others?

Learn!

Do you have a quilt or know someone who has one?

Did someone make it? Is there something special about it?

How does a quilt feel? Is it soft and warm?

In this picture, you can see a quilt that was hand made. The quilter, Sarah Mary Taylor, used just a few colors and only one shape to create a very interesting quilt.

She turned her shapes sideways and upside down and even made one bird a different color than all the rest.

Quilts are important to people all around the world. They keep us warm. They make us feel good when we are sick. Sometimes they are just for show, and the quilters win great prizes!

Do you have a favorite quilt?



Sarah Mary Taylor, *Crows Quilt*, Cotton, late 20th century, 72 x 57 ½ in.
Loan Courtesy of Jonathan Holstein. T2020.5.17.

Do!

Would you like to be a quilter? Let's make our own quilt squares.



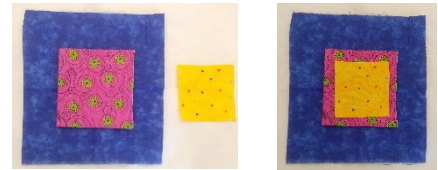
Quilt Squares

Supplies:

- Templates (next page)
- Paper and/or fabric in different patterns/colors
 - Idea: you can use packing paper, newspaper, or old book pages
- White glue

Instructions:

- Use templates to trace shapes onto paper or fabric (or both!) and cut or make your own fancy shapes!
- Begin with the largest shape for the bottom, then choose a next size smaller shape. Glue the smaller shape on top of the largest shape.
- Add a smaller shape with glue.
- Finish with the smallest size shape you have.
 - You can make your squares as simple or complex as you like.
 - As you work, think about what the papers or fabrics remind you of: does someone in your family love red, or flowers or stripes? Make squares that remind you of special people in your life.
 - Another idea: fit triangles or smaller squares together on one large square like a puzzle



How many different squares can you make for your quilt? Ask family and friends to make squares and put them all together. Take a picture to share.

Hang them on the fridge with magnets or “stitch” together with tape and hang on wall.

Templates

Cut on dotted line for triangles.

