

Collection Corner: Quilts

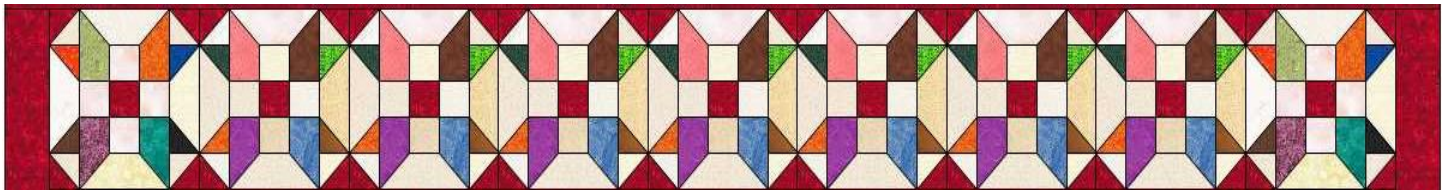
European quilts date back as early as the crusaders in the 12th century. These quilts were made from fabric scraps and worn-out clothing. Quilts were brought to America in the 17th and 18th centuries by immigrants. In the colonial era, quilts became a decoration, showcasing the sewing skills of the maker. Quilting became a hobby that only the wealthy had time for, so woven coverlets became a more economical bed covering for most people.

*Do you have a quilt on your bed? If so, what is it made from?
What hobbies do you have?*

From the 1840's until today most quilts are made using piece work or quilt blocks instead of the 'whole cloth' design that was previously used. A whole cloth quilt uses large pieces of cloth that can cover your whole bed. These large pieces are stacked and sewed onto each other to make a quilt. Today small pieces of patterned fabric are sewn together to make smaller quilt squares. These squares are then sewn together to make a large piece to cover your bed. Lastly this large piece is stacked on top of batting and a backing piece of fabric before being sewn together to make a quilt. The piece work or quilt block way of quilting seems like it would take longer, but it gives the maker more opportunity for creativity in their quilt designs, and the smaller pieces are easier to work with and maneuver.

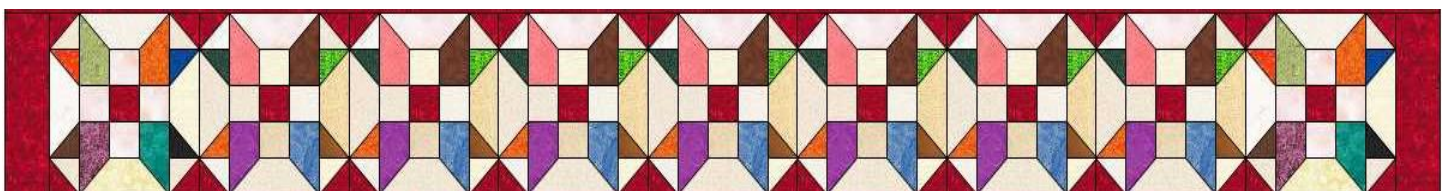
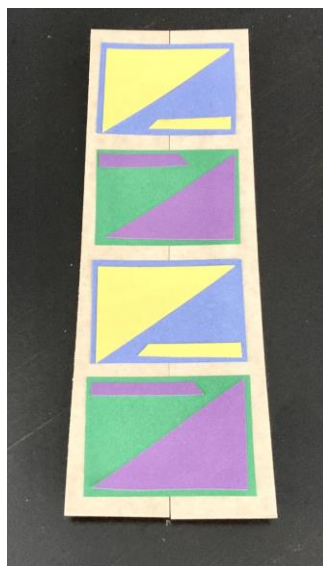
*How would you design a quilt? What shapes would you use to make that design? What colors would you use?
Look at page 3 for inspiration.*





Quilt Bookmark Craft

1. Print the template out on page four of this document. Cardstock is ideal, but you can print it on regular paper as well and still complete the craft. Cut the template so you have three bookmarks, each one square wide and four squares tall.
2. Cut shapes from different color paper to use as your quilt pieces. Small squares, rectangles, and triangles are the most common shapes in quilts, but you can use hearts, stars, and circles too if you would like. Use the pictures of quilts on page three as inspiration for your quilt design.
3. Glue your shapes onto the template in your chosen design. Let the glue dry completely. Use your quilt bookmark to keep your place in your favorite story.
4. Optional Step: Punch a hole in the top center of your bookmark and add a yarn tassel.

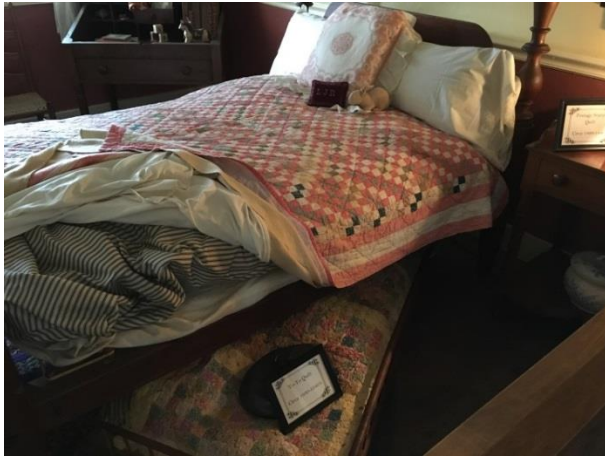




Quilts from the Collection

These quilts are part of the Carroll County Farm Museum's collection. They have been donated throughout the years from members of the community. We rotate these quilts and many others on display in the Farmhouse.

Use the designs below as inspiration when creating your bookmark.



Bookmark Template



Use the templates below as the base for your bookmark. Print the template onto cardstock if you have it available. The template below will make three bookmarks, each will be one square wide and four squares tall.
