

Crafty Quilt Square

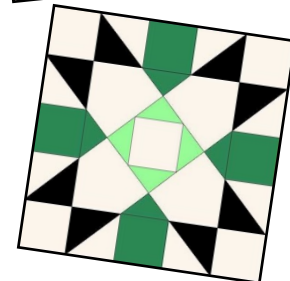
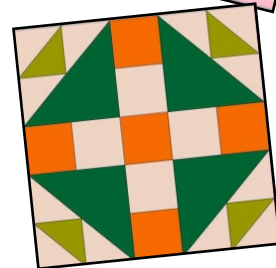
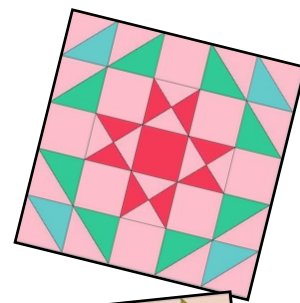
A quilt is a kind of blanket that is made of many small pieces of fabric stitched together to make a pattern. People, especially women, used to make quilts out of any kind of fabric they had - old clothes, feed sacks, leftover bits from other sewing projects - almost anything. When the pieces were all put together, the maker would create a "fabric sandwich," with something like a worn out blanket in the

middle, and then some fabric to cover the back. Then the quilt makers in the neighborhood would have a "quilting bee" and stitch all the layers together to make a warm quilt for a bed.

Materials:

- Crayons or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Scraps of paper in many colors or patterns, like gift wrap, origami paper or scrapbooking paper

Quilts were important to families because they usually didn't have a lot of money for 'store bought' blankets. Many quilts have become family heirlooms. An heirloom is something important that has been in a family for a very long time. Ask a parent or other relative if your family has any heirloom quilts. Turn to page 4 to see some examples of finished quilts.

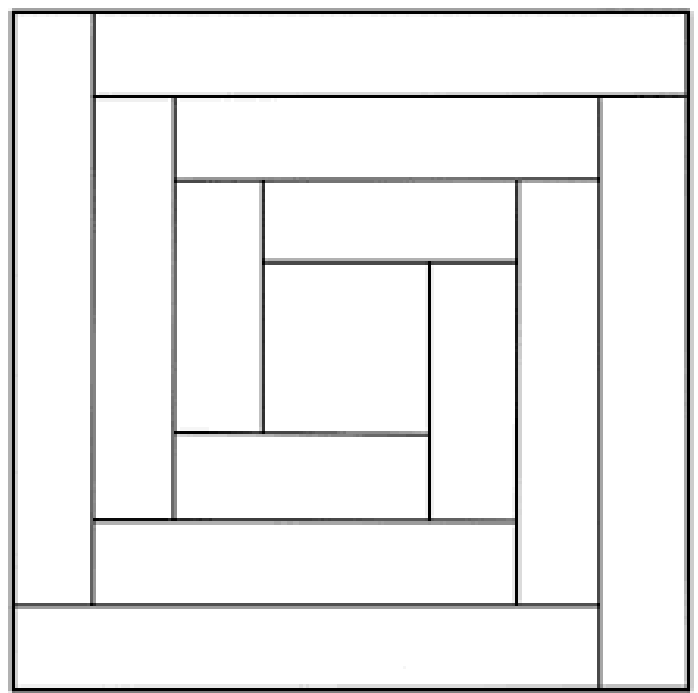
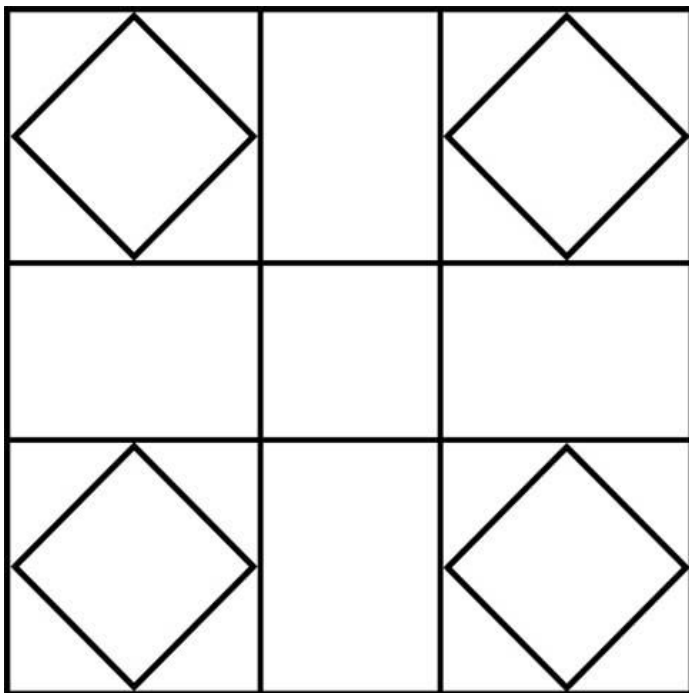
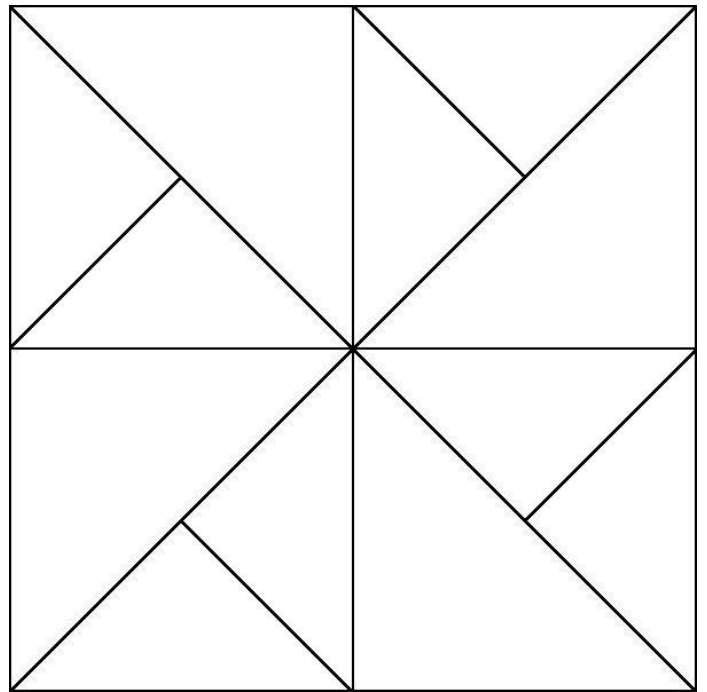
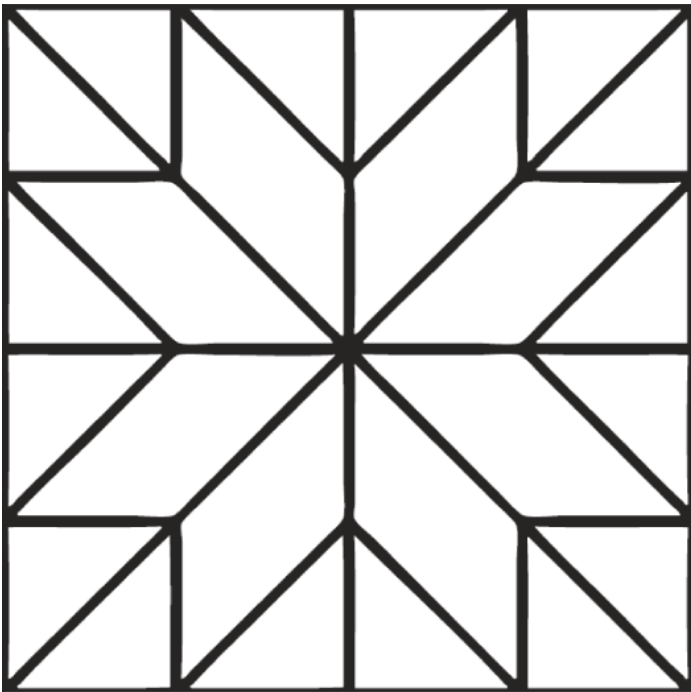


- On page 2 use your crayons or colored pencils to color in one or more of the quilt squares. The idea of a quilt square is to do it in colors that form a pattern like the examples on this page, but you can color it any way you like.
- Once you have practiced coloring the quilt squares, you are ready to design one of your own. One way to do this is to trace the square on page 3 on cardboard and then cut the cardboard into a simple pattern.
- Use the pieces to trace your pattern onto colorful paper.
- Cut out the colorful pieces and put them together like a puzzle on page 3.
- Glue your pieces to the square. You have made a quilt square!

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- Have a friend or relative take a picture of you with your quilt square.
- Post your picture on social media with the hashtag **#MCMuseumFromHome**.

Color a quilt square or color them all!



_____ 's Quilt Square
(Your Name)

Here are examples of finished quilts:

