

Marshall County Museum

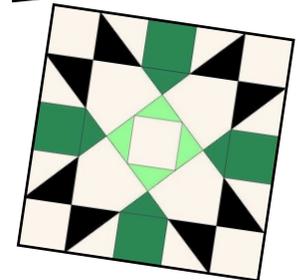
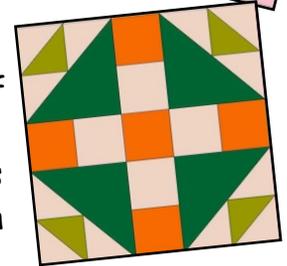
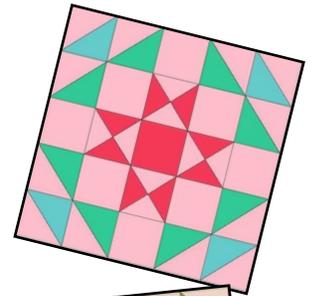
Crafty Quilt Square

READ:

A quilt is a kind of blanket that is made of many small pieces of fabric stitched together to make a pattern. Women used to make quilts out of any kind of fabric they had - old clothes, feed sacks, leftover bits from other sewing projects - almost any kind of cloth. 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 all the women in the neighborhood would have a "quilting bee" and stitch all the layers together to make a warm quilt for a bed. 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.

Materials:

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



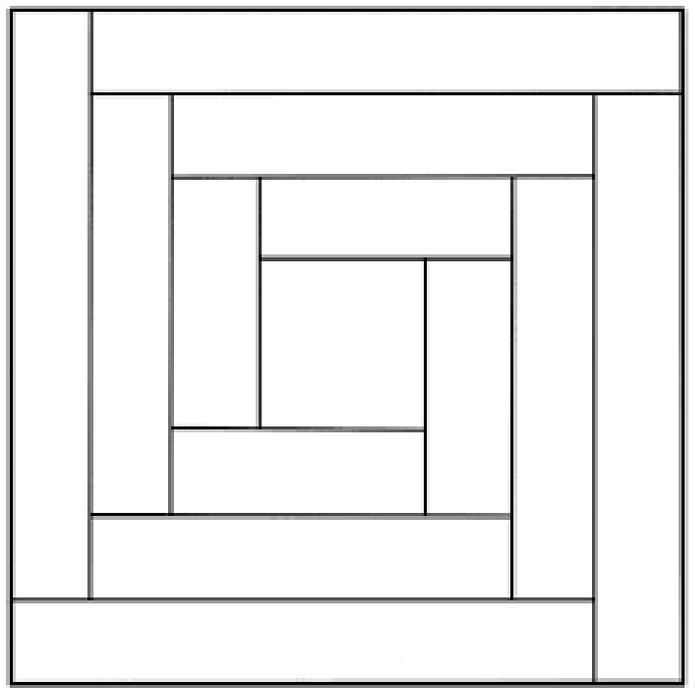
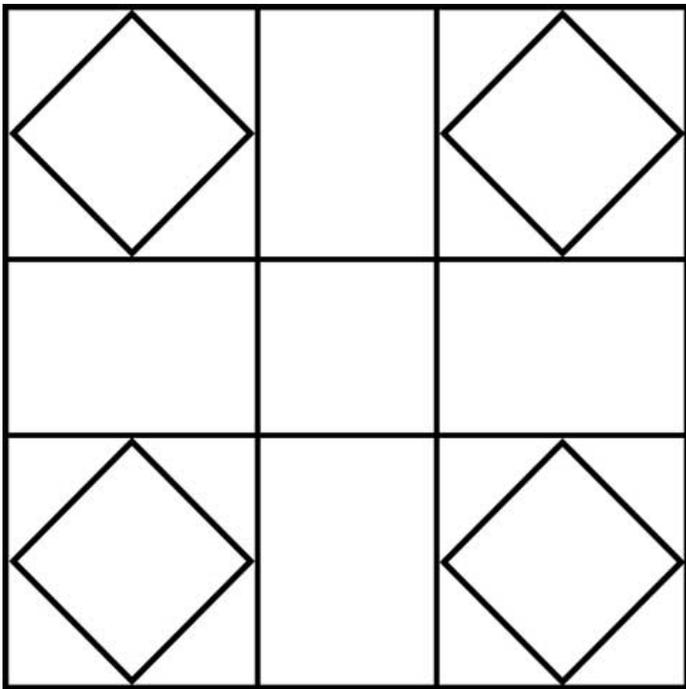
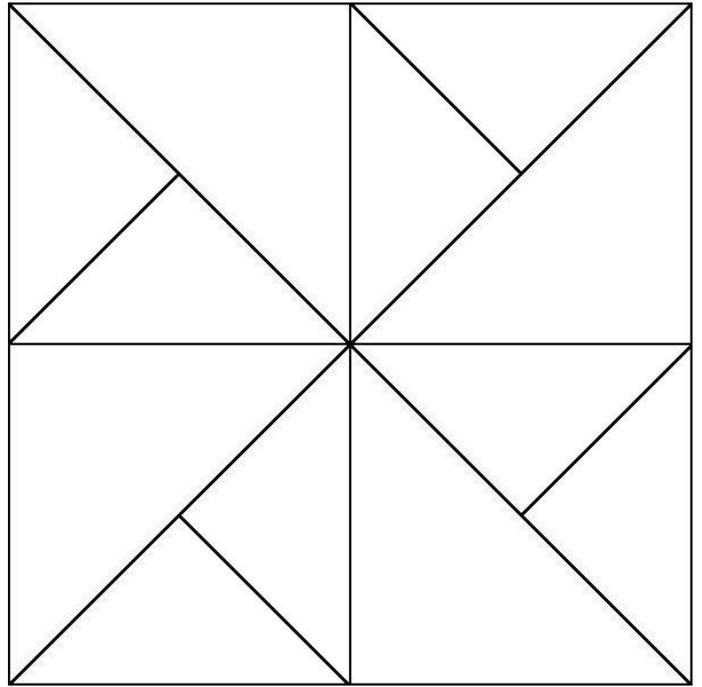
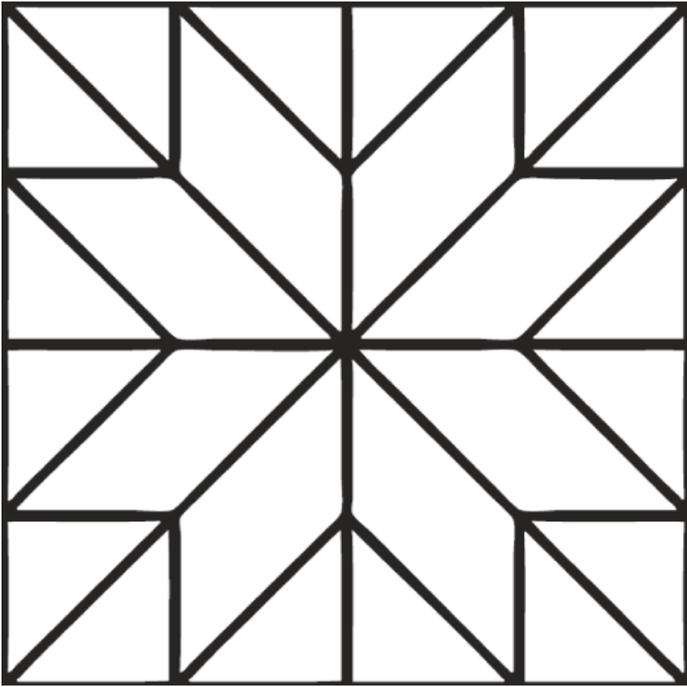
DO:

- ♦ Turn to the next page and 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!

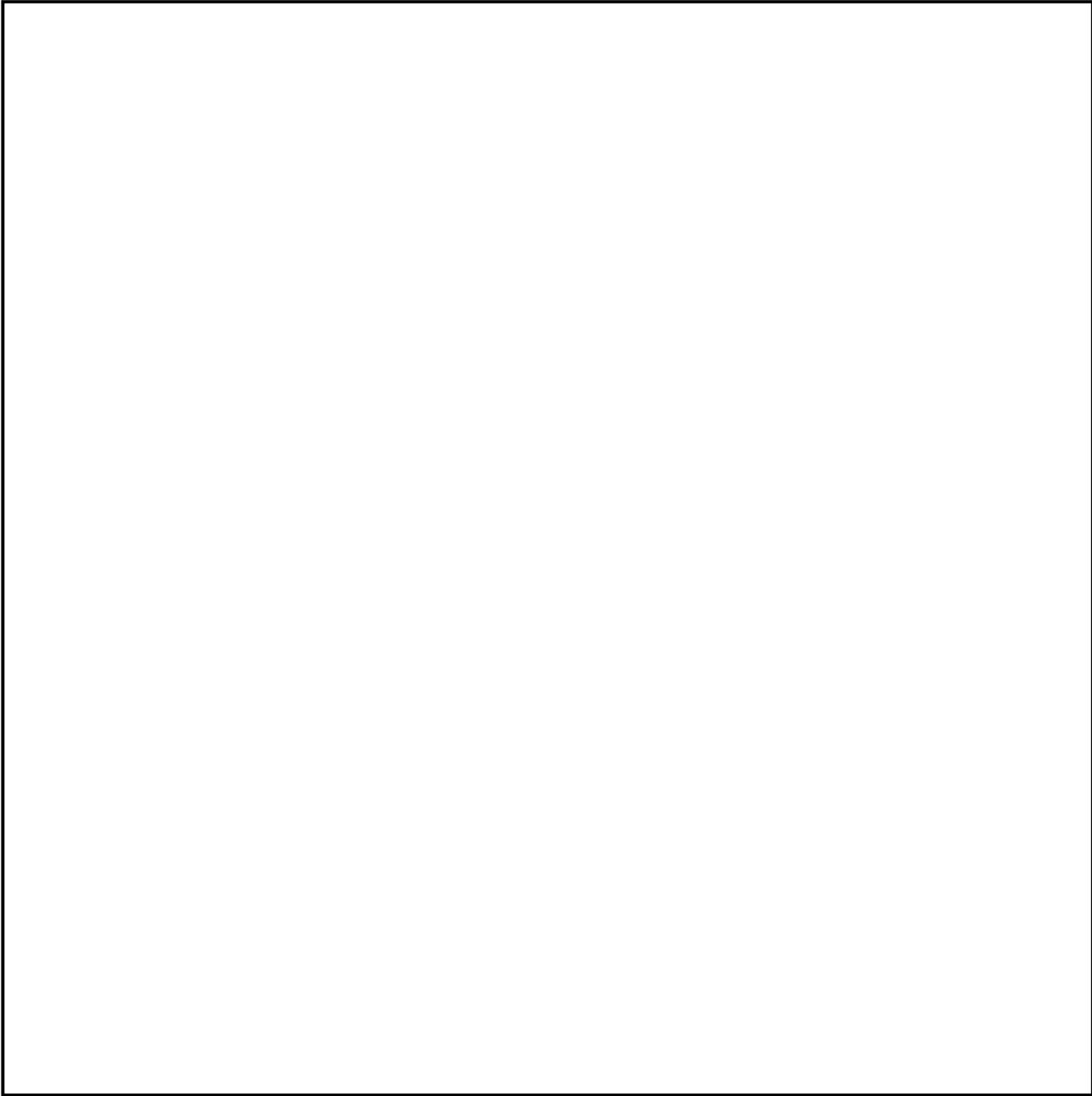
SHARE:

- ♦ Have a friend or relative take a picture of you with your quilt square.
- ♦ Post your picture on social media with the hashtag #MCMuseumFromHome.
- ♦ Display your quilt square somewhere in your home.

Color a quilt square or color them all!



_____ 's Quilt Square
(Your Name)



Here are examples of finished quilts:

