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A Quilt Made from Scraps

Circle group

A patchwork quilt is a blanket made of many small pieces of cloth. Long ago, families did not like to waste things. They saved bits of old clothes. They sewed the bits into something new.

A quilter cuts the scraps into shapes, like squares and triangles. Then the quilter sews the shapes into a design. Some designs look like stars. Some look like baskets or flowers.

A quilt has three layers. The top is the patchwork. The middle is soft padding that keeps you warm. The bottom is plain cloth. Tiny stitches hold the layers together.

A quilt takes patience. Friends sometimes sew one together. Each piece of cloth carries a small memory.

Questions

1. What is a patchwork quilt made of?

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2. Why did families make quilts from scraps?

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3. What shapes does a quilter cut?

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4. What are the three layers?

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5. Which layer keeps a person warm?

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6. What does it mean that each piece carries a small memory?

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Words to know

patchwork: a design sewn from many small pieces of cloth
scraps: small leftover pieces
padding: soft stuffing that adds warmth
stitches: small loops of thread made with a needle
patience: the ability to wait and keep working calmly

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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A Quilt Made from Scraps

Triangle group

A patchwork quilt is a blanket made from many small pieces of cloth. Long ago, families did not like to waste anything. They saved the leftover bits from old clothes and sewed them into something new.

A quilter cuts the scraps into shapes, such as squares and triangles. Then the quilter sews the shapes together to make a design. Some designs look like stars. Some look like baskets or flowers.

A finished quilt has three layers. The top is the pretty patchwork. The middle is soft padding that keeps a person warm. The bottom is a plain piece of cloth. Tiny stitches go through all three layers to hold them together.

Making a quilt takes a lot of patience. Sometimes friends and neighbors sit together and sew one. When they finish, every piece of cloth carries a small memory.

Questions

1. What is a patchwork quilt made from?

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2. Why did families long ago make quilts from scraps?

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3. What shapes does a quilter cut from the scraps?

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4. What are the three layers of a quilt?

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5. Which layer keeps a person warm?

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6. What does the writer mean by saying each piece of cloth carries a small memory?

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Words to know

patchwork: a design sewn from many small pieces of cloth
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A Quilt Made from Scraps

Square group

A patchwork quilt is a blanket assembled from many small pieces of cloth. In the past, families disliked wasting anything, so they saved the leftover fabric from worn clothing and stitched it together into something entirely new.

A quilter cuts the scraps into shapes such as squares and triangles, and then sews those shapes together to form a design. Some designs resemble stars, while others look like baskets or flowers.

A completed quilt consists of three layers. The top is the decorative patchwork. The middle is soft padding that keeps a person warm, and the bottom is a plain piece of cloth. Tiny stitches pass through all three layers to hold them together.

Making a quilt demands a great deal of patience. Occasionally friends and neighbors gather to sew one together, and when they finish, every piece of cloth carries a small memory.

Questions

1. What is a patchwork quilt assembled from?

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2. Why did families in the past make quilts from scraps?

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3. Which shapes does a quilter cut from the scraps?

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4. What are the three layers of a completed quilt?

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5. Which layer keeps a person warm?

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6. What does it mean that every piece of cloth carries a small memory?

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Words to know

patchwork: a design sewn from many small pieces of cloth
scraps: small leftover pieces
padding: soft stuffing that adds warmth
stitches: small loops of thread made with a needle
patience: the ability to wait and keep working calmly

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: A Quilt Made from Scraps

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: A Quilt Made from Scraps

Easier · 113 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.7

1. Many small pieces of cloth.
2. They did not like to waste things.
3. Squares and triangles.
4. The patchwork top, soft padding and plain bottom cloth.
5. The soft padding in the middle.
6. A scrap may come from clothes someone once wore.

Triangle: A Quilt Made from Scraps

This passage · 139 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. Many small pieces of cloth.
2. They did not like to waste anything.
3. Squares and triangles.
4. The patchwork top, the soft padding and the plain bottom cloth.
5. The soft padding in the middle.
6. Each scrap may come from clothing that someone once wore, so it reminds people of the past.

Square: A Quilt Made from Scraps

Harder · 143 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 7.6

1. Many small pieces of cloth.
2. They disliked wasting anything.
3. Squares and triangles.
4. The patchwork top, the soft padding and the plain bottom cloth.
5. The soft padding in the middle.
6. Each scrap may come from worn clothing, so it reminds people of the past.