



# Project Idea: Make a Quilt Inspired by Folk Art

## Recommended for Step 4: Make art about a subject, Choice 2: Create art about your world

**Setup:** Quilts are blankets made by sewing together pieces of cloth. Sometimes they have patterns or pictures that can tell a story or even the history of a community. Folk art often shows ideas and things that are important to the maker's community. For example, a quilt inspired by folk art might show a common experience, such as a community celebration. It might show a map of the community or explore the community's history, such as the rise of factories or other industries that are important to the community.

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### Materials needed:

- Colored and/or patterned paper or cloth
- Large piece of paper
- Safety scissors
- Glue or tape
- Paper
- Pencil
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

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### Activity:

1. Look at the pieces of colored paper or cloth. Brainstorm how you can use them to make a pattern or picture. Think about the sample quilts you've seen. What story will you tell?
2. Sketch your idea on the smaller paper. The larger paper will be the back of your quilt.
3. Cut pieces of colored paper or cloth and lay them on the large piece of paper to create your quilt.
4. When your design is ready, glue or tape the pieces to the large piece of paper.
5. Use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to add decoration. This will look like colored thread on your quilt.