

At-Home Lesson 3: How Do Quilts Get Their Names?

Age level: K-5

Supplies

Computer/phone to view our website
Piece of paper
Crayons/markers/colored pencils
Sidewalk chalk (optional)

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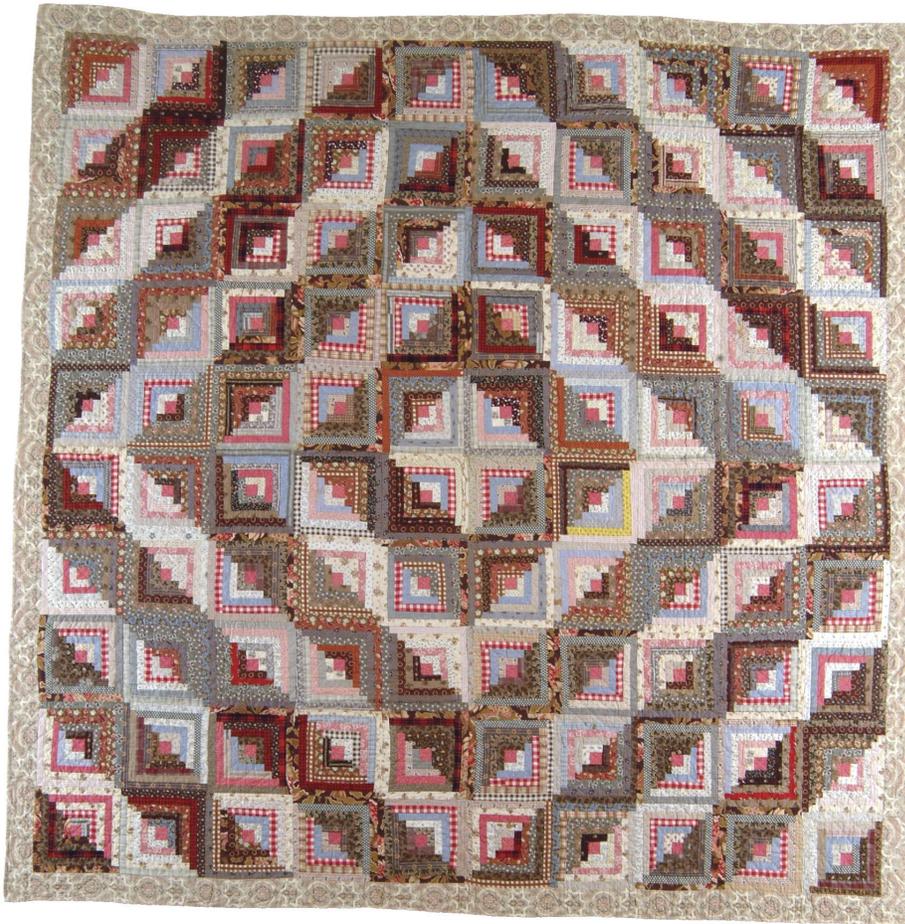
If you look through pictures of quilts on our website, you will see that they have different names. Sometimes a quilt gets its name from the maker. For example, Jean Ray Laury named this quilt “No Dragon on My Quilt.” It is named after a book she wrote of the same name.



[Click here](#) to look at the quilt more closely.

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Other times, quilts are named for their pattern. The pattern is the design that is on each block of the quilt. For example, one popular quilt block is called the Log Cabin. It looks like logs stacked on top of each other. This quilt is made of Log Cabin blocks where one side is made of dark colors, and the other is made of light colors. This placement of the blocks, with layers of diamonds radiating from the center, is called the Barn Raising Setting. (IQM 2003.003.0175, Jonathan Holstein Collection)



Click [here](#) to see more Log Cabin quilts, or [here](#) for a 1.5-minute video of different ways Log Cabin blocks can be placed.

A log-cabin block coloring sheet is available [here](#).

Activity:

Let's go on a virtual scavenger hunt! Take a look at some of the different pattern names for quilts. Visit the "Search" page ([click here](#)). Then, look under the "Pattern/Object Name." Select the name and hit "Search." Then see the pictures that appear. Look for the following quilt blocks:

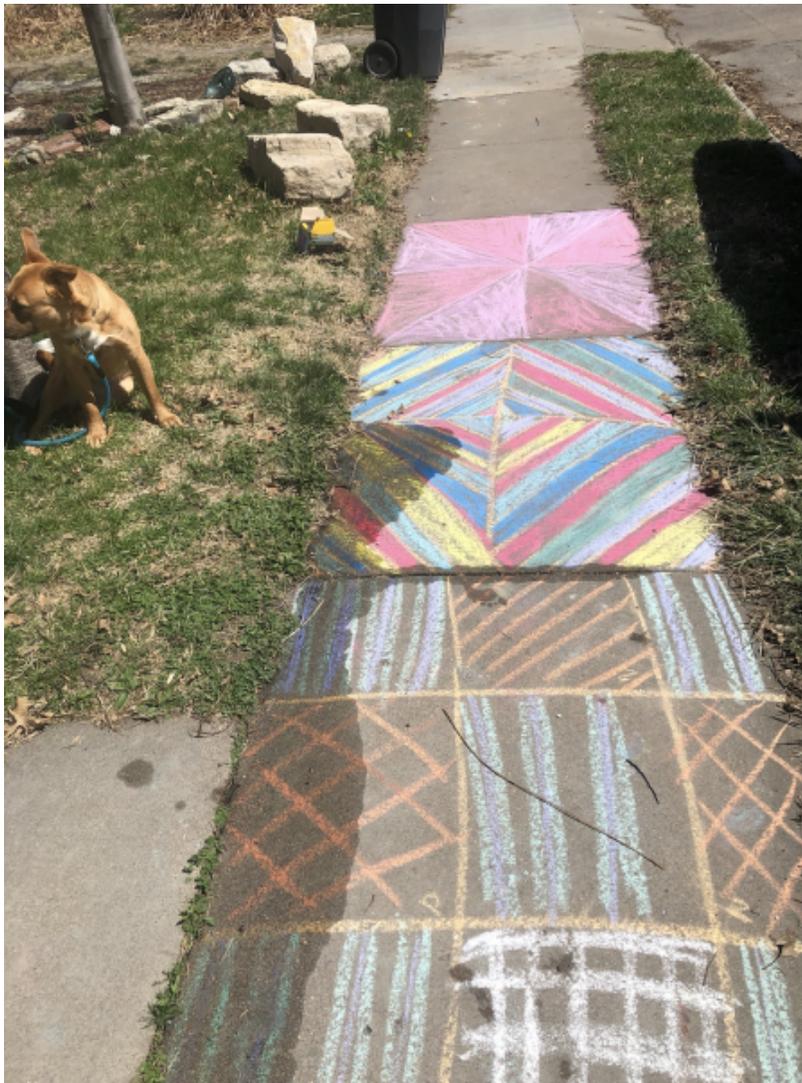
- Bear's Paw

- Cherry Tree
- Lone Star
- Sunbonnet Sue
- Trip Around the World

Which one is your favorite?

Next, recreate your favorite quilt block by drawing it on a piece of paper. Or, if the weather is nice and you have sidewalk chalk, you can draw the block on your sidewalk.

Here are a couple of pictures by one of our friends who designed her own quilt block.



What sort of quilt block will you design?



We'd love to see what you make! Have a grown-up send your pictures to info@internationalquiltmuseum.org or tag us on Facebook and Instagram!