

Quilt Unit

Books

The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco
Reuben and the Quilt by P. Buckley Moss
The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brombeau
The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flourney
Quilt of Dreams by Mindy Dwyer
The Quilt by Ann Jonas
The Promise Quilt by Candace Ransom
The Quilt Story by Tony Johnston
The Log Cabin Quilt by Ellen Howard
Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt by Janet Wilson
The Boy and the Quilt by Shirley Kurtz
A Coat of Many Colors by Dolly Parton

Poems

The Patchwork Quilt
By Rose Mills Powder

I have a quilt upon my bed
Of patchwork done in white and red,
With yellow stars set in beside.
It is very big and long and wide,
Yet Grandma made it, I am told,
When she was only ten years old,
And now its countless stitches show
How hard she toiled so long ago.
She never knew a lazy day,
And when I waste my time or play
Too long, I stop and think how she
Was always busy as could be.

Our Family

Author Unknown

Our family is like a patchwork quilt
With kindness gently sewn
Each piece an original
With beauty all its own
With threads of warmth and happiness
Its lightly stitched together
To last in love throughout the years
Our family is forever.

Little Bits of Fabric

Author Unknown

Little bits of fabric
Sewn into a quilt
Form a warm and loving blanket
From which memories are built.
And when you seek peace and comfort
In the quiet of the night
It will keep you warm and snug
Until the morning light.

Language Arts Activity

Read *A Coat of Many Colors* by Dolly Parton. Cut up scraps of fabrics of different colors and pattern. Trace or copy the [coat pattern](#) (http://preschool.uen.org/curriculum/April_s/CoatPattern.pdf) on cardstock. Let your child glue the pieces of fabric on the back of the cardstock so you can cut out the jacket pattern on the opposite side when the paper is dry.

Math Activities

Create Patterns

Pattern blocks are a great way for the children to make quilt blocks and then reproduce them to paper. If you have pattern blocks have your child put them on paper and trace around them to make a quilt pattern. If not, use the [quilt template](http://preschool.uen.org/curriculum/April_s/QuiltTemplate.pdf) (http://preschool.uen.org/curriculum/April_s/QuiltTemplate.pdf) and let your child color it or make designs on each section. Do several and glue together for a small quilt. You can copy the template on several colors of paper-have your child cut out the shapes and mix and match the colors. Copy a blank template to glue on the shapes.

Sorting

Sort material scraps by color or design. If you don't have material scraps, use printed scrapbook paper, or wallpaper scraps. Wallpaper stores will give you or sell you (for a small fee) their discontinued wallpaper books. Use these for lots of projects with the children. The self adhesive wallpaper samples are wonderful to use because you can wet the back with a brush dipped in water and glue to other surfaces.

Cooking

Edible Quilt Squares

Give each child half of a graham cracker. Let them frost the cracker and then decorate with sprinkles.