

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- *Current Events*: Students will identify artwork and craftwork in the newspaper.
- *Art*: Students will examine various quilts and identify designs and uses.
- *Art*: Students will make a paper quilt design.

Activities

1. *Use the News*: Quilting can be considered an art and a craft. What's the difference? After researching this, look for examples of artwork and craftwork in the newspaper. You might read about them in the entertainment section, see them in a photograph, or discover examples in an advertisement. Find some, and share with the class.
2. Examine quilts, and identify the layers and designs used in each example. Bring in quilts and "quilted" clothes. Look for quilting in jackets, blankets, baby blankets and baby clothes, sleeping bags, clothes lining, etc. Identify designs and uses. Is it decorative or utilitarian?
3. Practice making a quilt with paper instead of fabric. First, choose a topic. Then draw small, appropriate pictures on 2-inch to 6-inch paper squares (cut out). Finally, glue them onto a backing paper in some design: checkerboard, up/down, spiral, etc. Magazine pictures can be used instead if desired. Students can keep their creations, or tape them together (or glued to bulletin-board paper) to form a large class quilt.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for Grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade level.