



Q is for Quilt

For hundreds of years people have been sewing quilts to keep themselves and their families warm.

There are lots of different ways to make a quilt, either using a sewing machine or sewing by hand. People take small scraps of fabric and join them together to make a patchwork design.

Being frugal with fabric was especially important during World War 2 when new fabric was scarce (due to rationing) so people used what they already owned.

To hand sew a quilt using hexagons we use a method called 'English Paper Piecing' – we use scrap paper cut very accurately and wrap small bits of fabric around the paper templates.

Have you ever made a quilt? What colours would your ideal quilt be? Would you like to try to make a hexagon patchwork quilt?



Can you make your own museum of 'Q' objects from around your home ?

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