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Art of Quilts: What is a Quilting Bee by [Stuartgreen](#)

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Description.

A quilt is a covering made from layers of interwoven fabrics in the process called quilting. Best known as a bed covering, a quilt is usually made up of three fabrics with an insulating layer between them, usually in the form of cotton, silk or wool. Cotton is the most preferred insulator of quilters because of its lightweight property. The most decorative part of the quilt is the top layer.

History.

Believed to be hailed from ancient times, the word "quilt" comes from the words "cuilte" in French and "culcita" in Latin which means "stuffed sack". The antecedents of quilting are derived from Europe and the Middle East around 11th century. The Americans made the activity more favoured and lovable around the globe, with quilting talents and patterns introduced around 19th century. The first evidence of a quilt was found at a Pharaoh's tomb in Egypt.

Uses and Purposes.

Quilts started from the households when women saved small crumbs of fabric, joined them together to make larger pieces of clothing. Not unlike in the past, quilts are not only used as a bed covering; at present, they are mostly seen as wall hangings and table runners. Quilts can also be given as gifts. They are called art quilts as they are now usually hung than used in bed. Quilts are popular as part of baby's cribs as well.

Quilting Bees.

A quilting bee is the grouping of individuals who work together for a quilt. It can be a social event or a competition where people go up against in a contest in creating a fashionable quilt in the shortest possible time. As a social event, quilters can exchange their fabrics and build their quilt blocks. The activity is more than a competition but a great way of socializing with others. Competition for quilting (quilting bee) is now held nationally. Quilting bees are also called in several countries including Europe, United States and Japan. Oftentimes, quilting bees are summoned for purpose. Common reasons of holding such an event are for charity, celebrating an occasion such as coming of a new baby or wedding, and a means of socializing event. During the winter season, women are occupied in making quilt squares that would be used in creating quilts. Quilting bees are usually convened in spring and summer seasons where the weather is very warm. Quilting bee is either an outdoor or indoor activity.

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