

The Art Part of Language Arts

A Collection of Art Projects that Correlate With Each Story in the Third Grade Houghton-Mifflin Anthology
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Theme 2

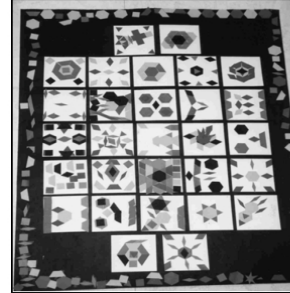
Story Title

The Keeping Quilt

Art Project

“Quilt Square”

Design a quilt square using geometric shapes.



Story Summary: Patricia Polacco tells the story of the homemade quilt that has been in her family for over four generations. From the quilt's beginnings as Great-Gramma Anna's babushka, to its use at weddings, birthday parties, and even funerals, Polacco shows how the quilt has become a beloved family tradition.

Houghton-Mifflin Teacher's Edition – pg. 125B

Materials:

Die cut assorted geometric shapes in different colors (I used the pattern block shapes)
6 x 6 inch paper squares (white)
Black markers for stitches
Butcher paper for background
Glue sticks

Directions:

1. Pass out an assortment of shapes to each group of students along with their 6 x 6 inch square background paper.
2. Instruct students to set shapes on their paper first. Once they have their desired design, glue in place.
3. Mount quilt squares on large piece of butcher paper to create classroom quilt.

Teacher Tip:

I had the “early finishers” glue extra shapes along the edges of the butcher paper to create a border. Border is one of the key vocabulary words in the story.

The use of shapes makes a nice link to geometry.