

Quilts: Signs of the Times

Quilting in Alabama has long flourished as a social activity by keeping hands warm and busy during long winter evenings. Quilting bees were a way of life for many quilters. Often communities worked together to create quilts celebrating special events, such as births, weddings, and even political events.

Today quilts serve as gold mines of information for historians. Quilts and their patterns are like history books. They show the influences of different events, such as the introduction of new fabrics from Europe. Quilt patterns also reflect the political, social, and religious thinking of the time.

Look at the patterns below. Match the pattern with its name.

___ Aircraft

___ Electric Fan

___ Pin Wheels

___ Basket

___ Jagged Edge

___ Pine Tree

___ Bowtie

___ Little Ship O'Dreams

___ Triple Sunflower

___ Broken Circle

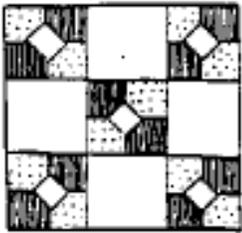
___ Maple Leaf

___ Water Wheel

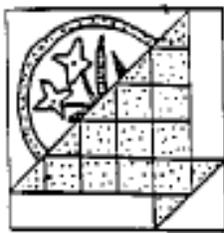
___ Double Wedding Ring

___ Morning Star

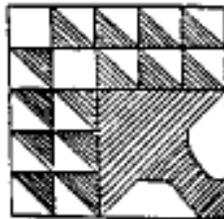
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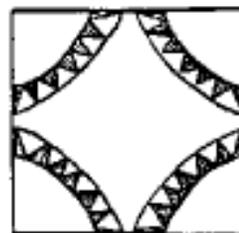
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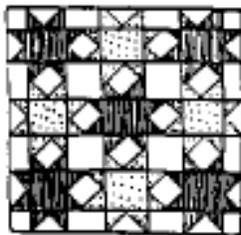
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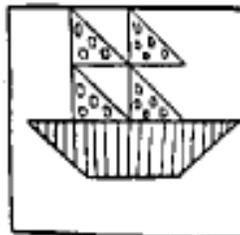
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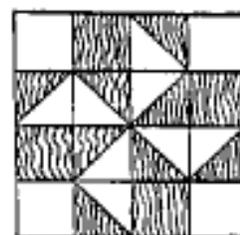
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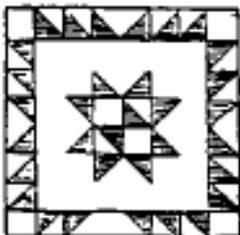
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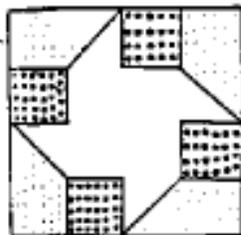
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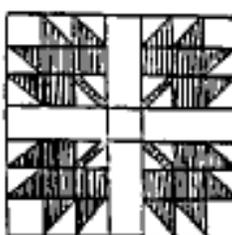
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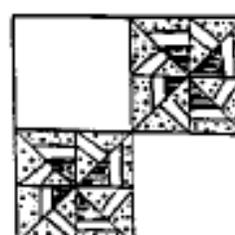
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