

# QUILTERS

# GEE'S BEND QUILTERS

"I'LL BE SITTING  
THINKING ABOUT  
HOW I WANT TO MAKE  
A QUILT, & THEN IT  
JUST COMES INTO MY  
HEAD HOW I WANT TO  
MAKE IT."



Pronunciation:

(gee's bend quilt-hers)

Active: 1800s-present

Location: Gee's Bend, Alabama

Known for: Quilt making traditions passed through generations of families.

## MATH HERO

Gee's Bend quilters use math to:

- Calculate the area for a quilt with geometry to make sure it is large enough to cover the bed.
- Incorporate symmetry and patterns to create an interesting design.

Quilts often have layers- that's why they are nice and warm! Measuring the dimensions of a quilt is important so that all the layers are the same size.

## KEEPING WARM & MAKING ART

- The Gee's Bend quilters make quilts that are known for being beautiful, colorful, and having a unique style. A quilt is a large, padded, soft blanket, sewn together using multiple fabrics and materials.
- Gee's Bend members made quilts to keep their families warm. Homes in the 1800s did not have heating. They learned how to make quilts using whatever materials they had, like old clothes.
- Gee's Bend quilters continue the traditions they have learned from their ancestors and see their quilts as art.
- Gee's Bend quilts have been displayed in museums and some of the quilters have won lifetime honors for their quilting work.

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