

Many Threads, One Cloth

Imagine a National Quilt in 2026

CALLING ALL TEXTILE ENTHUSIASTS!

Here's an idea that can help repair our "torn social fabric." Visualize on the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence, an enormous quilt laid across the lawn of the Washington D.C. mall, a quilt with blocks from all 50 states.

Our quilt will represent the rich mosaic of our country, expressing our histories, identities, and our common ideals of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

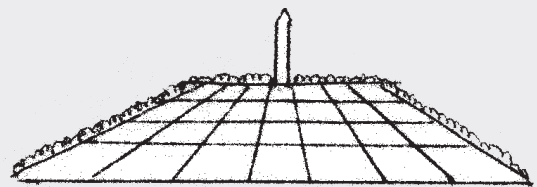
How might this grassroots project get accomplished?

- First send out the idea through as many channels as possible to alert quilters, teachers, church and community groups.
- Start working to create unique quilt blocks within families, communities, regions, then states, widening the reach each year.
- Emerging state coordinators would gather quilt blocks made in that state to bring to Washington each July 4th, to display ongoing progress. The quilt would spread out in its final culmination in 2026, in celebration of our country's 250th anniversary.

Textiles are intimately essential to human life through cultural clothing, flags of pride, shrouds for mourning, baby quilts to welcome new life!

Textile art can help heal divisions: there are quilters across the political spectrum! Through the creative act, each person can move from despair towards a sense of hope, community, and love for our country.

Let's "re-weave our National Cloth" towards a more perfect union!



Previous large-scale textile activism includes:

- **The AIDS Memorial Quilt**
Displayed in 1996 on Washington D.C. mall. 40,000 panels honored 110,000 who died of AIDS.
- **Peace Ribbon Around the Pentagon**
Wound through Washington in 1985 with 15 miles of 27,000 connected fabric panels.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. (Rev. Martin Luther King) • A united America can be a super-power of love. (President Jimmy Carter)

Want to see this idea become a reality? // Let's talk! // NationalQuilt@gmail.com

Let's Stitch America Together Again!

**Make your quilt piece
18 inches square.**

- Add little ties to the corners to attach adjacent quilt pieces.
- Feel free to use a variety of techniques on your quilt square like applique, embroidery, painting, knitting and/or crochet.
- Everyone is encouraged to contribute a quilt square in the spirit of love and unity. You don't need to be a fabric artist. This is a non-partisan project aimed at healing the polarization in our country.
- The success of the project depends on a large grassroots effort. Community as well as state coordinators will be needed. Please consider stepping forward to help in anyway you can!

