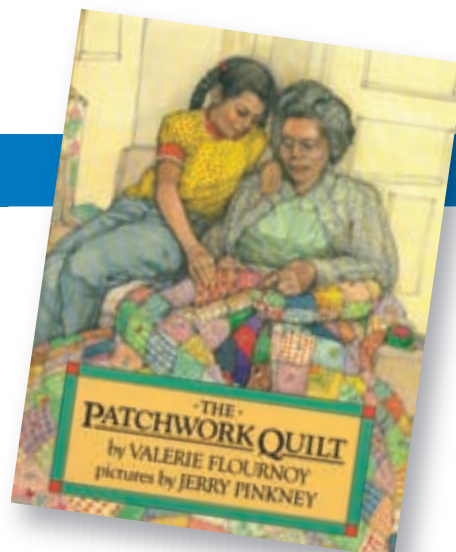


# RIF ACTIVITY: CREATE A CLASSROOM QUILT

## BOOK SUMMARY

### THE PATCHWORK QUILT *by Valerie Flourney*

Tanya loves listening to her grandmother talk about the quilt she is making from pieces of colorful fabric from the family clothes: an eventual heirloom to represent each person and the important events of their lives together. When Grandma becomes ill, Tanya decides to finish the masterpiece herself, and soon the rest of the family pitches in to help, finding comfort and connection by completing the squares and stitches.



## DIRECTIONS

### ESTIMATED TIME: 45 MINUTES

Materials: 10 x 10 inch squares of paper or fabric, markers, hole punch, ribbon or yarn

1. Before visiting the school, create a quilt square on a 10 x 10 inch piece of paper with a design that represents your interests or hobbies.
2. Read *The Patchwork Quilt* to the students. Ask the group if they have ever seen a quilt. Does anyone in their family know how to make a quilt?
3. Share the quilt square you designed with the class. Talk about why you chose the images on your square. Explain to the students that they will be designing their own squares, too.
4. Distribute the materials and allow the children plenty of time to create their designs.
5. After they have completed their squares, use the hole punch and ribbon ties to attach each piece to create a quilt.
6. Take time to talk with the students about the quilt they've created. Do some people have similar hobbies? Invite a few of the children to explain what they drew and why.

