

The Quilts on a Thousand Hills

Aunt Joe and her husband were missionaries in Africa. It was very difficult to get supplies and even harder to get luxuries like quilts. Even though they were in Africa, they lived high in the mountains where it got cold at night and blankets were necessary. Alice was her housekeeper. There were two very important church leaders coming to inspect their mission and stay the night with them. They would get very cold without a quilt.

"That's right," Aunt Joe said thoughtfully, "We better pray about it. After all, you know the Lord owns the quilts on..."

"Stop right there," said Alice, "I know what you're going to say. You are going to say that the Lord owns the quilts on a thousand hills. But how is he going to

get you one here by tonight?"

"Well, lets just pray about it." And that is what they did. When they got off of their knees, they fixed up the guest room the best they could. Then they went downstairs.

When they went into the kitchen, right by the back door there was a barrel. What a surprise! When they had gone upstairs it was not there. As they looked at it they noticed that it had been sent from the United States.

"Look," said Aunt Joe, "It's the mission barrel. My husband must have brought it while we were upstairs and we did not hear it."

They eagerly opened up the barrel and do you know what they saw? ... They saw shirts and pants; blouses and skirts; socks and shoes. They eagerly took the clothes out of the barrel and clear at the bottom there was a quilt. It was a beautiful quilt. It was a thick quilt. It looked like it would keep a bed very warm. They quickly took the quilt upstairs and it just fit the bed. It was even the right size.

"See," said Aunt Joe, "God does own the quilts on a thousand hills and He can get them delivered wherever He needs them."

When they got back downstairs, they looked closer at the barrel. They noticed that it had been shipped over two months earlier from the United States. How did it arrive just in time? You know what I think? I think that God whispered in a ladies ear, "Would you like to have some fun with me? There is a missionary in Africa that needs a quilt. If you start making it now, we can get it there just in time." And that is what happened. That lady started making that quilt and put it in the mission barrel. That way it could get there just in time to surprise Aunt Joe and Alice.

When you need something, be sure to think of God. He owns everything on the earth and can supply every need that you have. Also, don't forget to listen for His voice. You might be the next one He calls on to share in His fun.

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## **Bed Quilt - An Important Player In Your Sleep**

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Quilt is a bed or a bed cover of three layers with the middle one being stuffed and if all three are tied at regular intervals by thread or yarn, such quilts are called as tied quilts. The two outer layers differ in fabric and pattern as one is a plain backline the other is the top.

Quilts, Use Them as You Like Quilts are most comforting beds or bed covers particularly suited for cold weathers. People would prefer quilt woolen blanket or bed sheets. Generally bedding, decorative, armory are the usual domestic uses. But looking at the patterns and further possibilities, you can say there is practically no limit on how and where you want to use them.

You may wonder to know there are quilt artists for whom quilt making is a full time profession. Quilts are also used as educational tools which students use for making images, patterns. Trekkers like to carry quilts with them instead of heavier beds for convenience.

But quilts have a serious side of the story too. There is an American religion which goes by the name Amish whose members follow the Mennonite religion. Amish people don't believe in being flashy and chauvinistic in their worldly affairs and they have carried forward this philosophy onto quilts too. Their colors are restricted by Churches and the base color is predominantly black which gives other colors a contrasting get-up.

Well, How Do They Make Quilts There is no particular technique for making quilts nor are there rigid rules barring safety and hygiene. Still, quilts are normally made in two forms; either by using one large sheet of cloth for both top and back lining; or using smaller cut pieces, blocks, of cloth usually of different designs and colors by stitching them together. Now, the blocks are stitched together to make desired patterns by stitching them edge to edge all over. Some times strips of cloth are also used in between the blocks. This way of making quilts is known as sashing. Quilts are then given borders, usually in contrasting colors, which puts paid to making of quilts.

Some Common Quilt Patterns The blocks, small pieces of cloth and generally geometric in shape, may be again made by sewing together of further smaller cloth pieces. This style is pretty popular and is known as patchwork or piecing. Other popular styles are Appliques, Embroidery and whole cloth where there is little or no embellishment.

Well, did you know that quilt is also the name of a computer query languages developed by IBM?

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