

ABOUT

Join us in celebrating our diversity by contributing to the **Digital Cultural Quilt** of the Hudson Valley! This virtual, collaborative art project invites all children, teens and adults in the region to come together and share our heritage during this time of social distancing. See the quilt-in-progress on Instagram at **#CulturalQuiltHV** and online on June 14th at the Kingston Multicultural Festival and Barrett Art Center websites.

PROJECT

Make your own **Upcycled Collage Square**: Using scrap paper, flyers or newsprint, participants will create their own collage square that will be included in a larger **Digital Cultural Quilt**. When making your own collage square, think about how color, shapes, or symbols can represent your own heritage or identity. Express who you are through art!

GET INSPIRED!

Please see our **Quilts Around the World** handout for ideas on what patterns different cultures have used throughout history, including Mexican, African-American and Japanese cultures.

MATERIALS

- Blank piece of paper (any color)
- Assortment of scrap paper, flyers, or newsprint (the more colors, the better!)
- Elmer's glue
- Scissors
- Optional: Pencils, color pencils, crayons or markers

IMPORTANT TERMS: collaboration, diversity, culture, heritage, identity, symbols, composition

DIRECTIONS

- Cut your blank piece of paper into a square shape. It doesn't have to be perfect.
- Using your assortment of scrap paper, flyers or newsprint, cut out different shapes and symbols that reflect your heritage or identity.
 - *Think:* What rituals do you have with your family? What foods are important to your culture? What flowers or birds are local to your area? How do you represent these in color and shape?
- Glue your shapes and symbols onto your square piece of paper.
 - *Consider Composition:* Something important to your identity may go in the center, while smaller parts of you may go on the sides.
- Optional: using pencils, color pencils, crayons or markers, decorate your quilt square further. This is your chance to add some details to your artwork. Have fun!

SHARE

Share your finished collage with us online! Take a picture of your collage and crop the picture into a square so no edges are showing. Upload to Instagram using the hashtag **#CulturalQuiltHV**. Describe how your collage represents your culture so viewers can learn about you. Collages will be reposted publicly for all to enjoy!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!