

Basic Detail Report



Quilt, Art

Date

1910-1920

Primary Maker

Bridget D. McCoy

Medium

Felt; cotton

Description

Tobacco felt quilt. Thin rectangular quilt top is made up of smaller rectangular flannel multi-colored printed "felts." On front, decorative red stitching is used to seemingly attach the felts together. On the backside, the felts are actually sewn together with white stitching. The 85 felt prints were used by tobacco companies as promotional materials and contain a variety of images. Many have flags (including but not limited to America, Austria-Hungary, Crete, Scotland, Ireland, Persia, Mexico, Spain, Cuba, New Zealand, Japan, Poland, and Great Britain, which contains a red flag opposed to its normal blue); thirteen have butterflies; and seventeen have Native American Indian imagery, including what will later be popularly identified as the Nazi swastika.

Dimensions

70 x 71.5 in. (177.8 x 181.6 cm)