Patchwork quilts refer to the piecing together of fabric scraps to form a larger design. The larger design is usually based on repeating patterns built up with different fabric shapes. These shapes are carefully measured and cut. This quilt by Cook has a repeated pattern of rectangle shapes that appear to be framed, like doors or windows.

What patterns can you use to create a patchwork house?

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Activity: House Collage

Materials:
- Scissors and glue or tape
- Markers
- Cardboard, paper and/or magazines
- Optional – miscellaneous materials like tinfoil, pipe cleaners, or items from a recycle bin

Directions:
1. Gather a box, magazines or colored paper, marker, scissors, tape, glue stick, random objects like buttons, string, cardboard tubes, foil etc.
2. Cut shapes out of box that you can tape together to create a house shape. How tall is the house or building? What shape is the roof?
3. Paste materials on the house/building to create your “siding”. Think about the various textures. What texture will the roof be?
4. Draw an outline for smaller parts of the house such as windows, a door and a roof. Fill in the outlines with other materials which will add dimension and more texture to your piece. What will your windows be made of? Does your home have flower boxes or a house number?
5. Expand the fun by having everyone at home make one and then combine them to build a neighborhood.

Tips:
- Don’t overthink, experiment and have fun.

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