



Faith Ringgold is an artist who combines traditional quilt design with storytelling. In much of her work, Ringgold explores her own experiences as an African American female artist and uses bright colors and bold design to tell her stories.

The Bitter Nest, Part V The Homecoming is part of a series of story quilts. This is the last piece in a five-part series. For more information about this artwork click [here](#).

Faith Ringgold, *The Bitter Nest Part V: The Homecoming*, 1988. Pieced fabric, 76 in. x 96 in.
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Activity: Quilt Collage - create your own quilt design using collage materials

Materials:

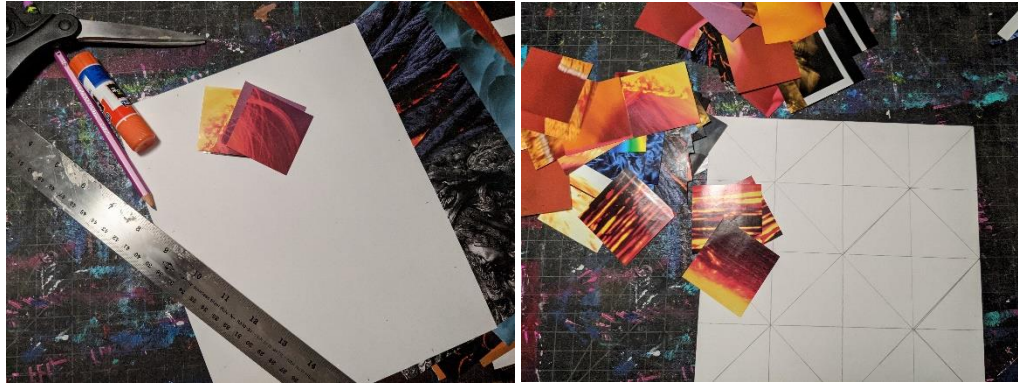
- Different kinds of paper (magazines, scrapbook paper, pictures, construction paper, etc.)
- Ruler
- Pencil/Marker
- Scissors
- Glue

Directions:

- Find a quilt design that inspires you and use your pencil and ruler to draw it on your paper. (Ideas can be found [here](#) or by googling “simple line quilt designs”.) I chose a simple design with triangles inside of squares.
- Look for images and colors that are of interest to you, tear or cut them out of magazine and set aside.
- Next, begin to measure and cut squares. Use a pencil or marker and ruler to measure your squares to cut. You certainly DO NOT need to be exact with this project. Feel free to get creative with your own shapes!
- Once you have your shapes cut, begin to assemble them on your paper within the grid you made yourself. I always lay everything out before gluing in case I want to change something.

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