



Color the Collections!

How would you color this quilt?

Unidentified Odawa maker (Peshawbestown, Michigan)
Appliqué and Pieced Star of Bethlehem Quilt, 1900–25
Cotton, 78 x 70 in.
Gift of John Wilmerding, 1988-16



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This quilt, the only bedcover in Shelburne's collection made by a Native American, combines a central, pieced star pattern with blocks of appliquéd flowers forming the border. While we do not know the identity of the maker of this quilt, several bedcovers by Odawa (Ottawa) makers share the bright printed cotton fabrics, kaleidoscopic, radiating stars, and distinctive four- and five-petal floral motifs that distinguish this quilt. These decorative elements are typical components of Odawa craft, and mimic motifs found in earlier porcupine quillwork and beaded decoration from indigenous communities in the Great Lakes region.

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