

Storytime Suggestions for *Oma's Quilt*

Oma's Quilt is recommended for ages 5–8.

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative and fun by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character. It is always a good idea to organize your props and rehearse your storytime actions in advance. Don't forget to store all of your props in a bin for next time.

You might include

- a quilt
- some ribbons and lace
- an array of textile samples
- kitchen curtains
- a raggedy blanket
- a sewing kit that includes a thimble, needles, thread and scissors
- a funny-looking Oma-like hat, sweater and glasses to wear during storytime

Activity Materials

Before storytime, collect the following materials and organize an activity area where your group can work. Make sure to store your activity materials in a separate bin from the storytime props.

You will need

- pencils, different colored markers and pencil crayons
- different colored construction paper
- hole punchers
- a small ball of yarn

Before You Read the Story

ASK your group to list objects that make them feel safe or are special to them, such as a favorite article of clothing, a blanket, a toy, etc.

Have your group **SHARE** a story about why each object is important to him/her.

SHOW your group an object that is special to you and share a story explaining why that object is important to you.

After You Read the Story

Keep the fun going by asking your group to participate in the following activity.

Create a paper quilt with your group. Ask each person to choose a colored piece of construction paper and create an image of his/her favorite memory or of a special event. Once each person has completed his/her image, ask him/her to punch a hole in each corner of the construction paper using a hole puncher. As a group, work together to weave yarn through each hole and attach the squares together to form a paper quilt. Hang the quilt in your library/classroom.

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