Adoption@Heart's Family Patchwork Quilt

Thank you so much for downloading this toolkit for our Family Patchwork Quilt project. We've written this introductory page to give you a bit more information about the project and how you can deliver these lessons for your students.

What's Included in This Toolkit Download?

This download contains three different lesson plans for children in three age groups – Reception to Year 2, Year 3 to Year 6, and Year 7 to Year 9. Please choose the lesson that's suitable for your age group. Each lesson contains age-appropriate learning about adoption, fostering and the meaning of family. Each of them has been created by qualified and experienced teachers.

You can use these materials at any time, but we've created them as a part of Adoption@Heart's "Family Patchwork Quilt" project. As part of the project, we're asking children and young people to design their own patch, which we'll combine into a digital and physical Family Patchwork Quilt. You'll find a template version of this patch on our website – please make sure to print these off for your students, and use them as the main task at the end of your lesson.

We came up with this project because family and home mean different things for different people. Adoption@Heart's "Family Patchwork Quilt" is designed to help everyone think about what their families and their homes mean to them, and as a way to share all of these meanings with each other. Once your students have finished their patches, please follow the instructions below to make sure they're included in our final design.

Where Do I Send My Student's Finished Patches?

After your class has designed their patches, we'll need you to please scan them and send them to us <u>using this upload link</u>. Please don't take a photograph; we need scans so our artist has the highest quality documents possible to make the final quilt. If you don't have your own scanner at home, check if you can scan it at school or at one of the great libraries in our area.

When Will The Patchwork Quilt Get Made?

Our family and home patchwork quilt project kicks off on September 29th and runs until November 3rd. If you'd like your class to contribute patches, please make sure to send them to us before this date (November 3rd, 2025).

We'll then be hard at work stitching the quilt together. Our grand unveiling of the digital quilt will be mid-November, and it'll be hosted on our website.

The first unveiling of our physical quilt will be at <u>Fringe Arts Wolverhampton</u>, which is being held from the 28th to the 30th of November 2025. We're also hoping to exhibit the quilt at other events in the future, so keep an eye out for future announcements.