

Basic Detail Report



Quilt

Medium

Cotton, polyester

Description

A large rectangular quilt in the Jacob's Ladder pattern, consisting of blocks straight set eight by ten with no sashing, in bold shades of brown, deep and light blue, clear yellow, and white, with a wide border of narrow brown sashing framing strips of wood grain patterned cotton alternating with yellow squares set on point on white background. The quilting is machine sewn, with an overall pattern of feathered swirls and outline stitching. The batting is low-loft polyester. The backing is a simple patterned cotton, with a printed fabric commemorative label reading "The Jacob's Ladder pattern was used for this quilt. The colors selected were inspired by a box

found under the floorboards in the room where the enslaved people lived. The box contained broken pieces of different shades of blue, off-white, and brown china. Those colors were chosen to represent the enslaved people. Yellow was added to give the blues and browns some color. The quilt was machine pieced and quilted by Michelle Lewis of Neptune, New Jersey, September 2021."

Dimensions

90 × 80 in. (228.6 × 203.2 cm)