

# Yikes! Stripes

An exhibition created by the INTERNATIONAL QUILT STUDY CENTER & MUSEUM, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



**Stripes are a feature of daily life.** Bold and flashy stripes adorn fast cars, caution signs, and the hides of many animals, among them zebras, tigers, skunks, chipmunks, and certain snakes, fish, and frogs. Subtle and refined stripes surround us as well. Pinstriped suitings, wood grain, and corduroy are ubiquitous examples of subtly striped surfaces. Throughout history and in cultures from every continent, striped surfaces abound.

The quilts in this exhibition celebrate the eye-catching visual effects that makers create using stripes. The quilts illustrate the dynamic, appealing nature of the stripe. Medieval history scholar Michel Pastoureau suggests that the striped surface calls for attention in a way that other surfaces do not. Referring to the ambiguous relationship between foreground and background that stripes create, he asks, "Does the eye see what fools it more clearly?"<sup>1</sup> Are eyes attracted to striped surfaces because they are more complex? The quilts in this exhibition silently, but clearly address this question and let the viewer decide.



Strip Quilt, Eva Burrell, Greene County, Alabama, c. 1993,  
International Quilt Study Center, 2000.004.0017

## Exhibition Specs

**Number of works:** 13 quilts with accompanying label text. Total running feet (w/ 24" between quilts): approx. 100

**Exhibition period:** 12 weeks

**Participation costs:** \$8,500 exhibition fee, plus insurance. Exhibition fee includes domestic shipping.

**Display requirements:** One 1"x 2" polyurethane-coated wood slat for hanging each quilt; on-site security; controlled temperature & humidity; appropriate lighting levels for textiles (50-60 lux). The IQSC reserves the right to have

a representative present during installation and de-installation.

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1 **Chinese Coins**

Circa 1930 - 1950

Yoder family member

Probably made in : Holmes County  
Ohio , United States

46 x 31.5 1997.007.0775



7 **Roman Stripe**

Circa 1915

Maker unknown

Possibly made in United States  
Ohio

83 x 59 2003.003.0284



2 **Strip Quilt**

Circa 1993

Burrell, Eva

Made in : Greene County  
Alabama , United States

85 x 74 2000.004.0017



8 **Bars**

Circa 1890 - 1910

Maker unknown

Made in Wales, United

84 x 71 2005.058.0001



3 **Diamonds**

"Backgammon Quilt"

Circa 1950 - 1960

Young, Lucile

Made in : Tuscaloosa  
Alabama , United States ,

82.5 x 67.5 2000.004.0156



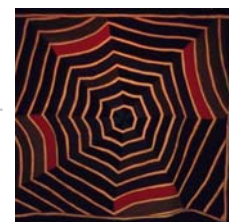
9 **Spider Web**

Dated 1936 , Mar

Maker unknown

Probably made in : Union County  
Ohio , United States ,

78 x 70 2006.043.0016



4 **Split Bars**

Circa 1880 - 1900

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States  
Pennsylvania

85 x 84 2003.003.0035



10 **Bars**

Circa 1860 - 1880

Maker unknown

Probably Wales, United

94 x 92 2006.043.0028



5 **Tree Everlasting**

Circa 1880 - 1900

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States  
Pennsylvania

88.5 x 90 2003.003.0166



11 **Rising Sun variation**

Circa 1915

Maker unknown

Probably made in : Gettysburg area  
Pennsylvania , United States

77 x 73 2006.043.0101



6 **Log Cabin**

Circa 1890 - 1910

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States  
Pennsylvania

75 x 73 2003.003.0252



12 **Ralli**

Circa

Maker unknown

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84 x 58 2007.004.0017

